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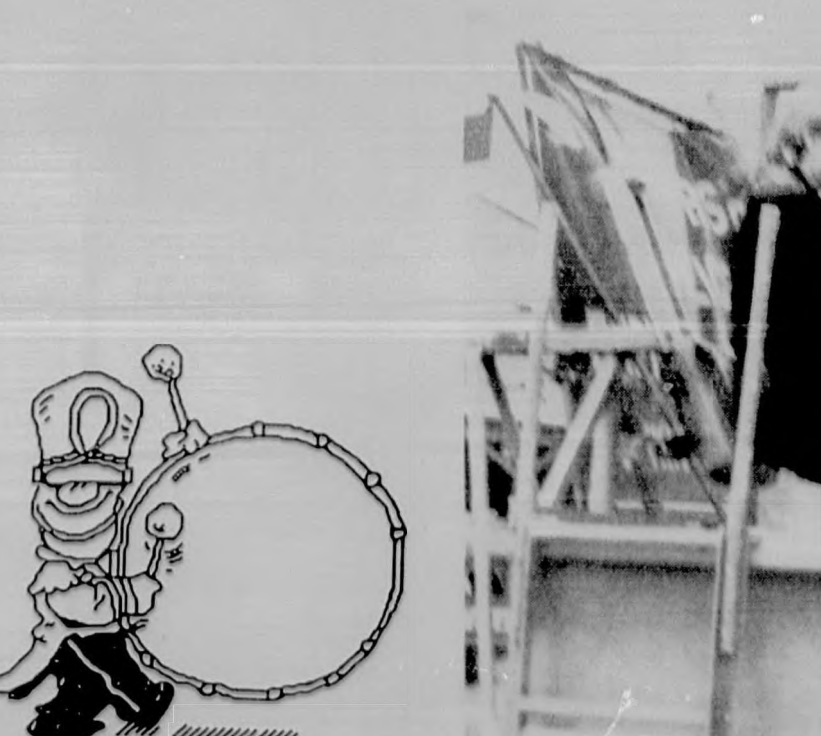


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WAMBLES SURRENDERS TO TROOPERS AFTER 48 HOURS AND 48 MINUTES

Confrontation between armed gunman and law enforcement ends

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

After 48 hours and 48 minutes, an armed Coffee County man, who had barricaded himself in a mobile home, surrendered to authorities without incident.

Easter weekend had been beautiful and peaceful for the most part but it was not to end that way. It went out, literally, with a bang!

At approximately 4:00 p.m., Sunday afternoon, Coffee County Sheriff's Deputy Donnie Farris answered a disturbance call in the Victoria Community.

Upon arriving at the Mustard Seed Christian Fellowship Church complex located just off Co. Rd. 211, Farris was met by gunfire; however, the deputy was not hit and it was not thought that the shots were fired directly at him.

As Farris assessed the situation, he learned that Mickey Gene Wambles, age 37, of Route 1, Jack, AL, had barricaded himself in one of the three mobile homes located at the complex.

Other officers from the sheriff's department, Elba Police Department, Alabama State Troopers, and Alabama Conservation Department responded to Farris' call for back-up.

Shortly after their arrival, the officers were successful in the evacuation of occupants of the other trailers at the complex.

They immediately secured the area and established communication with Wambles, while waiting for other law enforcement officials to arrive on the scene.

It was learned that Wambles had come to the complex in an attempt to see his wife and children. He was armed with at least one handgun and

a rifle or shotgun.

His estranged wife and children had been staying at the foundation which also provides a shelter for victims of domestic abuse.

Reportedly, as Wambles gained entry into the mobile home in which his wife had been staying, she escaped out the front and was able to get out of the area.

After repeated attempts by local law enforcement officers failed to get Wambles to surrender and come out of the trailer, negotiators and tactical personnel (Special Weapons And Tactics team) were called in from the Alabama State Troopers and the Alabama Bureau of Investigation.

The ABI and tactical units had been placed on alert at the request of State Trooper Ronnie Whitworth, who was one of the back-up units responding to the scene.

After arriving at the scene and assessing the situation, Coffee County Sheriff Ben Moates and his chief deputy, Patrick Norris, requested the assistance of the state units.

They realized that the training and man power provided by these units would increase the possibility of bringing this incident to a successful end.

Personnel from the state arrived on the scene at approximately 7:00 p.m. Capt. Ken Hallford was in charge of the operation and supervised the negotiations. Capt. Chuck Franklin commanded the state trooper tactical teams.

Shortly after 10 p.m., the electrical power to the trailer and complex was turned off in an attempt to force Wambles to surrender.

However, he demanded that the power be turned back on or he would start shooting. Although sev-

eral shots were fired by Wambles, there was no return fire by officers on the scene.

Better communication was established between the ABI negotiators and Wambles when he allowed a drop-phone with a direct line to be passed through a window into the mobile home.

The remainder of the night was spent with calls periodically made to Wambles in an attempt to "talk him out."

As the sun rose Monday morning, more law enforcement personnel arrived on the scene to assist in securing the area.

Also keeping vigil throughout the night were members of Wambles' family, friends of the family and the news media.

Medical personnel were provided at the scene by the Elba and Enterprise Rescue Squads.

The situation did not change all day Monday - law enforcement personnel remained on the scene and Wambles stayed barricaded in the mobile home.

Several members of Wambles' family were observed being taken to the forward command post where negotiators were talking with Wambles. It was assumed that they were allowed to talk with him in an attempt to get him to come out and end the situation peacefully.

Authorities also had a brother of Wambles' flown in from South Carolina as they continued in their efforts to get him to give up with out anyone being hurt, including himself.

As the sun set Monday evening, law enforcement officers on the scene remained steadfast, as did Wambles.

With the situation going into the third day, many of the on-lookers

were asking, "Why don't they gas him and go in and get him?"

Officials have stated that no one had been hurt thus far, and they remain hopeful that the situation could be ended without bloodshed.

In an attempt to keep the situation under control, ABI officials, who were in charge of the negotiations, would not releasing any details until the incident was brought to a conclusion.

Shortly after 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, the tempo at the scene changed and more activity by law enforcement personnel could be observed.

At 4:48 Wambles walked out of the trailer and was taken into custody by members of the state troopers' tactical team.

In a prepared statement read by a state trooper spokesman, it was revealed that Wambles was charged with one count of burglary and two counts of attempted murder of a state trooper.

His bond has been set at \$250,000 on each charge. The statement did not say where Wambles was to be confined.

In addition to the criminal charges, he was ordered by the 12th Judicial Circuit Court to undergo physical and mental evaluation at an undisclosed licensed medical facility.

Family members who were on the scene at the time of Wambles' sur-



FRIENDS AND RELATIVES KEEP VIGIL AT THE GATE

render were elated and relieved that the ordeal was over.

Capt. Hallford, Capt. Franklin, and Sheriff Moates had nothing but praise for all the law enforcement personnel who took part in the operation. They were also complimentary of all the support received from other agencies.

Capt. Hallford stated, "This is the way it is suppose to end, with no-

body hurt!"

Pastor and founder of the Mustard Seed Foundation, Rev. Mary Seavey, said she is very thankful that the situation was resolved peacefully.

Assisting the ABI were officers from the Alabama State Troopers, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, Elba and Enterprise Police Departments.

MORE THAN 120,000 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR SPACE

Lowe's Enterprise Superstore opening soon

Lowe's Companies, Inc. announced that its new Enterprise, Alabama warehouse superstore will soon open its doors to serve area residents. Coffee County's new Lowe's Home Improvement Warehouse is located at 1401 Boll Weevil Circle near the Food World complex. Shopping hours will be Monday through Saturday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Announcement of the official grand opening date, along with details of the superstore's gala celebration, will be made in the near future.

Currently, Enterprise employees are busy setting the store and stocking the 40,000+ different home improvement items the new Lowe's will carry. The 120,000+ square foot retail facility includes an 85,000 square foot sales floor and a lawn and garden center with greenhouse measuring 30,000 square feet. This vast warehouse design allows Lowe's to offer huge assortments of products at low, everyday competitive prices. The wide variety of items ranges from light fixtures, carpet, oriental rugs, wallpaper, televisions, stereos, personal computers, and bathroom fixtures to lumber and building supplies. Shoppers can view full bath and kitchen displays (including kitchen cabinets), extensive home fashion and home decor departments, and a comprehensive hardware section.

Especially popular new departments in Lowe's superstores include the store-within-a-store Lowe's calls "Tool World", and customers have dubbed "Handyman Heaven" with its comprehensive, hands-on selection of power tools and equipment. Of course, all merchandise at Lowe's comes with the company's Everyday Competitive Price and low price guarantee.

Another favorite is the large live nursery and garden center which features 5,000+ square foot permanent glass greenhouse. This climate-controlled "hothouse" provides year round plant selection and availability while nurturing tropical and exotic plants like orchids, bonsai, and bromeliads. The added space allows Lowe's to offer special seasonal displays, as well, and the Enterprise garden center will soon be stocked with everything on the springtime gardener's list.

The superstore will also offer an array of special services such as computerized custom kitchen design; computer color matching in paint; glass, screen, board, key, wire, and rope. The new Lowe's of Enterprise will also offer customers free "How-To-Clinics", an ever-changing



SUPERSTORE EMPLOYEES PREPARE FOR OPENING

series of home improvement workshops designed to turn even the novice do-it-yourselfer into a project pro.

The new Lowe's will be a pleasure to shop with virtually all merchandise on display on the sales floor. This self-service option allows Lowe's sales staff to offer customers the precise level of service they desire. Some shoppers know exactly what items they would like to purchase. They will be able to shop Lowe's wide, well-stocked aisles for those products, place them in shopping carts or on flatbed lumber cars,

and then roll them out the front door after passing through a quick check-out. For those customers who might wish advice or assistance on their projects, each area of the store has specially trained sales people to provide expert help and prompt attention. For larger items, Lowe's is happy to offer loading service to customers.

Lowe's superstores also offer quantity, quality building materials and services for the do-it-yourselfer.

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* * HAPPENINGS * *

BIKE-A-THON. A bike-a-thon is being sponsored by the New Seasons Study Club. Proceeds from the event will be donated to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital. The bike-a-thon will take place Saturday, April 29, 1995, at 10:00 at the Elba First Assembly of God. A new bike will be given to the rider turning in the most donations. Contact Angela Morrow for more information at 897-3636 after 5:00 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE. The public is invited to attend open house for the new labor and delivery wing at Medical Center Enterprise on Thursday (today), April 20, between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The new facility features top-of-the-line equipment for the modern labor, delivery, and recovery rooms.

ART FESTIVAL. Elba Head Start will be having a Children's Art Festival on Thursday, April 27, from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon at the Head Start Center located next to SouthTrust Bank. The public is invited to attend.

COMMISSION MEETING. The Coffee County Commission will meet Monday, April 24, at 9:00 a.m. in the Community Room at the Farm Center Complex in New Brockton.

ELBA'S POLICEWOMAN IS NO ROOKIE COP

See joins Elba's police department

by Marvin McLwain
Editor

It's not a first, but it has been a long time since a woman has been in the Elba Police Department's patrol division.

Recently, many Elbians have been observing doing a doubletake when a police car went by being driven by a woman.

Last month, Ida See joined the Elba Police Department where she is performing her duties as a patrolman.

Officer See is by no means a rookie police officer; however, locals will be quick to note by her quiet demeanor, but pleasant, accent that she is not from these parts.

She is a native of Toledo, Ohio where she was a member of the Toledo Police Department for 6 years.

After attending the city's police academy for six months, she worked with the department from 1988 to 1994 as a patrol officer.

In Ida's words, "I worked the streets."

In addition to her other training, Ida has also had specialized training in accident investigation.

Ida said that she had always wanted to be a police officer ever since she was a little girl, but it took her eleven years, after becoming a "grown-up," to make the vocational change. Prior to entering the law enforcement profession, she worked as a secretary.

Although she is the first member of her family to become a policeman, she has an "uncle" who was in law enforcement for many years. Richard White, who is not really Ida's blood uncle, but she thinks of him as being that close, was a member of the Covington County Sheriff's Department. He was an investigator with the department when he retired.

White is one of the main reasons Ida is with the Elba Police Department. He had heard that Elba was interested in hiring a female officer and he contacted Elba's Chief of Police, Maxwell Hooks. Hook's had worked for many years as a police officer in Covington County and also with the sheriff's department.

When asked why she decided to come south, Ida's response was, "I like the slower pace of living and I

was looking for a good place to raise my daughter."

See has a six-year-old daughter, Elizabeth.

See's parents, Bob and Martha Schadenfro, also chose to move south. They, as well as See and her daughter, are living in Opp at the present time.

After joining Elba's Police Department, Ida said that after seeing the town, the schools, and meeting the people, she really wouldn't mind living here.

Ida believes there are many advantages to having a female officer on the force, one is that a female officer will not be as intimidating in many circumstances as a male officer would be.

Another would be that a female officer would be more comfortable in incidents where a female(s) is involved.

Chief Hooks, commented that Ida is a "people person," meaning she relates with the public really well.

In addition to her duties as a patrolman, See will be involved with many aspects of service toward the community.

A major portion of See's salary is being provided through a Community Cops Grant program implemented by the federal government.

One project already being worked on by Officer See is one in which all the elderly citizens who live in Elba will be checked on on a regular basis by the police department.

See will also be working with individual communities, located within the city, in organizing neighborhood watch programs.

She will also assist DARE Officer Chris West in developing a better relationship between the police and the youth of the town.

The one thing that See has enjoyed getting used to is how friendly everybody is down here.

"People just wave at you, walk up and start talking - they're so friendly."

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BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

The Alabama legislature is in session! Hold on to your hats, 'cause anything is possible out of Montgomery right now. It is hard to get a true read on just how this legislature is going to act. Early indications are that they aren't going to blindly follow the wishes of Governor Fob James, but may put forth some changes of their own which actually clash with the public leanings of the governor.

This country bumpkin plans to go to the state capital Thursday and snuff around a bit. Don't know what will be learned, if anything, but surely don't expect to have people standing at the Montgomery city limits anxiously awaiting advice either. We do have some meetings scheduled, but those are to ask questions, not dish out answers.

Last week the major supporters of legalized gambling in Alabama apparently conceded their original plan didn't have a prayer of a chance. Now the push will be for a vote of the people on a plan INCLUDING more casinos than just those owned by the "blessed." However, the lawmakers who reportedly made the public threats to tax churches if they opposed the issue, made a dumb blunder. Now he has challenged the opposition and it will most assuredly accept the position of opposing the activity. Religion in this part of the world doesn't have to hide or apologize for "being." Legalized gambling supporters might consider sweet talk, rather than saber rattling, it will be far more productive.

Personally, we don't think gambling, either lottery or casinos, would be an overwhelming success in Alabama, but neither do we care if they want to try. We follow the belief of the economic professor who explained it would be all of us swapping our money around and the casino operators taking a cut each time. Our position has been all along that the people should vote and it shouldn't be limited (by law) to gambling halls operated by only a few powerful investors. Now that the supporters are apparently slowly coming around to that position, we had better just shut up.

The stand-off this week in the Victoria community ended peacefully, everyone can be thankful for that. We commend the law enforcement officers involved. They did their job. Jim and Beth DuBose have been out of the trailer and without anyone getting hurt. Our fingers were crossed for two days, hoping those in charge hadn't been watching so much TV that they thought the only thing to do was, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead," and get someone hurt, or worse killed. In the movies, actors often do wonders by crashing through windows, dodging bullets, etc. and everything ends happily. In real life it ain't always that way... and wasn't worth the risks involved. The man was in a mobile home by himself and he could kill himself or hopefully give up... but him and how many more would have been killed in a "rush him" situation. We understand plans are to have the man hospitalized for mental test and again agree this is the right thing to do. Professionals doing a professional job... salute.

There is a lot of rah-rah coming out of the Republicans in Washington these days. The voters keep hearing how great a job the lawmakers are doing in carrying out their "Contract with America." They need to be a little more reserved. The American public has a way of cutting braggards down to size. If they are doing a great job... it will be noticed, and without people thumping their own chests. Actually very little of the contract has been completed. True, a lot of it has passed the House, but most is only pending in the U. S. Senate. As more and more voters get the idea it is their ox which is being gored, the opposition will mount.

County Commissioner Robert Stephens is home following some heart surgery in Montgomery recently. It is amazing to watch the miracles of modern medicine. They had to do his surgery "in a hurry," we understand. Then a few days later, here he comes back to Elba! We are thankful that Mr. Robert is back home and hope to soon see him back on his job of looking out for the needs of the people in Coffee County.

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ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following persons admitted during the time period of April 11, 1995 through April 17, 1995.

They were: Sylvia Hussey, Becky Carpenter, Fannie Berry, Cody Spurlin, Beatrice McNeal, Gladys Clark, Ken English, Sundatia Flemings, Harold Barker, Lois Barton, Jonathan Edwards, Willie Ray Chism, Myrtle Hudson, Kati Simmons, Velma Bradshaw, Mary Agnes Mack, Timothy Wallace, Gladys E. Smart, Lisa Hodges, Adrian Mullins, and Barbara J. Fudge.

Patients discharged during the same period of time were: Gladys Clark, Heather Stigers, Beatrice Cain, Annisa Tillis, Carolyn Pruitt, Katie Johnson, Dolray Fleming, Joseph Stewart, Mary Jackson, Teresa Brunson, Dorothy Parrish, Myrtle I. Hudson, William Hutchison, Robert Slawson, Kayla Johnson, Doc Littleton, Mavis Legar, Cecil Bowdoin, Nell Austin, Ken English, Odell Black, Beatrice McNeal, Lois Barton, Cody Spurlin, Fannie Berry, Harold Barker, Willie Ray Chism, Kati Simmons, Jonathan Edwards, Sundatia Flemings, Sylvia Hussey, Gladys Clark, Rebecca Carpenter, and Orel Johnson.

ELBA POLICE REPORT

APRIL 11 Thru APRIL 17, 1995

The Elba Police Department, beginning Tuesday, April 11, 1995, investigated the following incidents: five thefts of property, one harassment, one theft of service, one power surge, one criminal mischief, two harassing communications, one missing person, one assault, one attempted burglary, two DUIs, one VPL, one obstruction of a government operation, one destruction of milk, and one highway intoxication.

The following arrests were made during the week: one for resisting arrest, one for disorderly conduct, one VPL, one for obstruction of government operation, three for violation of boom box ordinance, one for public intoxication, and criminal possession of a forged instrument.

The following traffic citations were issued: ten for speeding, one for an expired driver's license, one for running a stop sign, two for DUI, and three for suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights were as follows:
TUESDAY, APRIL 11 - River stage - 5.10 feet (6:03 a.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (8:34 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Co. Rd. 247 (4:44 p.m.); Rescue run to Elba General Hospital (5:22 p.m.); Rescue run from Elba General Hospital to a residence (6:33 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12 - River stage - 9.50 feet (6:13 a.m.); Possible burglary on Smith Ave. (8:46 p.m.); Routine activity.

THURSDAY, APRIL 13 - River stage - 9.10 feet (6:30 a.m.); Rescue run to a residence on Jackson St. (2:43 p.m.); Routine activity.

MAKING OURSELVES CLEARER

The Elba Clipper wants to correct errors that appear in this newspaper. Any reader wishing to point out our errors, whether ours or those of our sources, should contact the editor at 897-2823. Clarifications will appear promptly in this space.

Bulletin Board

S.S. REP - Courthouse, 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213.
ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon - First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN - Tues., 8:00 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6:15 p.m. - City Hall
WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Mon - 5:15 p.m. - City Hall (after City Council meeting)
COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday of each month - Community Room @ Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizens Center
ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs - 5:30 p.m. - Sign Office
AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs - 7:30 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
RESCUE SQUAD - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 7:00 p.m. - Rescue Squad Building
MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m.
HAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. - Hand Boosters @ Elba High School
VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri - 8:12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex - 894-3853
COFFEE COUNTY COORDINATORS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise
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Their office is located at 603 N. Claxton in Elba (next to Hardee's). United National has affiliated offices in 42 states and specializes in marketing of business, commercial, residential, recreational, and agricultural real estate. The DuBoses are also certified appraisers.

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Joshua Davis

Davis to compete in International Science & English Fair

Joshua Davis, a senior at Kinston High School, will travel to Hamilton, Ontario, in May to compete in the International Science and Engineering Fair. He won overall at the Southeast Regional Science Fair on February 18, held at Troy State University, with a project which is part of ongoing research at Auburn University, in which he participated last summer as Future Life Science Scholar.

Other recent awards he has won are first place at the LBW Mathematics Tournament, first place in creative writing and Most Promising Young Writer at the LBW Language and Arts Tournament, first place at the Tri-State Math and Computer Science Olympiad held at Wallace College in Comprehensive Math, and second place in the State Science Paper Reading held in Birmingham. Josh is a National Merit Finalist and was awarded a scholarship from the National Merit Corporation. From the University of Alabama he won a National Alumni Scholarship, the Crimson Scholarship, and he is one of five finalists for the Blount Scholarship. He has received three scholarships from Auburn, and a President's Scholarship from Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Josh is Kinston's valedictorian and SGA president.

In addition to Auburn and Alabama, he has also been accepted to MIT and Yale. He recently visited Yale and his plans are to attend school there in the fall to pursue a Ph. D. in Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry.

Joshua is the son of Jerry and Janet Davis. His grandparents were Wallace and Mable Davis, and Haywood and Lanell Moore.

AEC names Brook vice president of marketing and communication

Jim Brook has been named vice president of marketing and communication for Alabama Electric Cooperative, Inc. (AEC) according to an announcement made by President and CEO James A. Vann, Jr. The appointment was effective April 10.

Brook joined AEC in 1980 as a research specialist in the utility's economic development department. He has most recently served as director of marketing and communication and will continue to head the two departments.

"I am proud of AEC's accomplishments in economic development, marketing and communications, particularly during the last two years, and I am confident that Mr. Brook will continue leading successful programs in the future," said Vann.

Brook is a graduate of Troy State University. He and his wife, Linda, have one son. They reside in Brantley, AL.

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We get letters.....

Dear Ferrin:

I want to introduce ourselves to you all. We are Donnie and Janice Daugherty. We are the proud parents of two AL and Brook Daugherty.

Brook went to be an Angel in Heaven February 5, 1988. She was a wonderful person. She loved to laugh, be silly, and have good clean fun. She was one of those people who knew what she wanted in life and was working to achieve her goals.

We, the family and friends, take figures of things that meant something to her, unicorns, dogs, and flowers, this is just a way we say we haven't forgotten her.

Her dad had searched for a statue of Jesus, Her Savior, but he wasn't able to find one. We found a statue of Mary, Jesus's Mother, which we placed by her headstone.

Ferrin, I know this is lengthy, but the point I want to make is someone has taken the statue and all the figures except two unicorns and two dogs. The statue weighed about fifty pounds. The figures were in sets of three or four in each set. They have no value to anyone except us, the ones that put them there. I would like to plead to the person or persons who has taken these things to "Please bring them back!"

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to share our feelings with the people of Elba. We would again like to say "Thank you" to the people of Elba for their support during the time after our loss of our daughter and the recovery of our son after the accident. God bless you and may He watch over each of you.

Sincerely,
Donnie and Janice Daugherty

Dear Mr. Editor:

I am Kathleen Willoughby and I have been employed for several years as the Director of the New Hope Senior Citizens Organization. On February 7, 1995, I received a letter from the Chairman of the Coffee County, Alabama Commissioner's Court, Lawrence Creel, advising me that I should resign for and on account of alleged "misconduct." I have never been guilty of any sort of misconduct in connection with the operation of this senior citizens center.

After receiving this letter from Mr. Creel, I asked for a hearing before the Coffee County Grievance Committee, which is part of the employee rules and regulations. This hearing was scheduled for March 7, 1995, in the conference room of the Coffee County Commission office.

On March 13, 1995, the Grievance Committee determined from the evidence presented that the necessary degree of intentional conduct was not shown. Subsequent to receiving this letter, the Commissioner's Court met again and terminated me without cause.

I have worked for the past several years trying to make the New Hope Senior Citizens Center an appropriate place for the senior citizens to go, enjoy their lunch and fellowship with other people from the community. Needless to say, I am very disappointed and upset with the action taken by the Coffee County Commission for wrongfully terminating me. It is a shame that we have a grievance committee set up by the county government, but our commissioner's court does not deem that it is necessary to comply with the decisions of the grievance committee.

By this letter, I wanted the people of this county to know what we are up against in connection with the proper operation of the New Hope Senior Citizens Center.

Sincerely yours,
Kathleen Willoughby

Dear Marvin,

As president of the Elba Band Boosters I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all who helped us have another successful band day. It is only through much work and dedication that this primary fund raiser of our booster organization is successful.

The goal of \$10,000 was surpassed because our community cared about the Marching Tiger Band. The business owners and our industries respond favorably when called upon for donations. As a business owner myself I know we are constantly asked to donate to various clubs, schools and charities, but when called upon by our band the response is overwhelming. For this community support we are grateful.

This is my last year of direct involvement in our band program. Feelings of relief, sadness and pride fill me. I can truly say the past eight years of association with the band have been great. I can only pledge my support and encouragement to the program in the future. Again, thanks to all who helped us have such a wonderful day.

You can enjoy walking under the pines to see dozens of displays of pottery, paintings, and woodworks. Other displays feature baskets, weaving, handmade dolls, hand-made chairs, denim wear, jewelry, sculpture, recyclables and much more.

The Piny Woods Arts Festival also includes works from local students in Enterprise. There will be plenty of entertainment both days, along with plenty of food and soft drinks. The children will love their special section, filled with attractions just for them.

There is no admission charge to the festival, but there is a nominal amount charged for the quilt show.



Ralph Bradley

21st Annual Piny Woods Arts Festival & Quilt Show to be held

The 21st Annual Piny Woods Arts Festival and Quilt Show will be held on the grounds of Enterprise State Junior College Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23. This two-day event will feature the works of approximately 70 artists displaying a number of different art forms. Many favorite vendors will be returning, along with several new artists.

You are also invited to walk through the Corner Gallery in Tallmadge Hall, where President's Purchase from all the previous festivals will be on display.

The 21st Piny Woods Arts Festival and Quilt show is an annual event presented by the Coffee County Arts Alliance. Enterprise State Junior College is located at the intersection of Highway 167 South and the 84 By-Pass in Enterprise, AL. Hours for the festival are from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., April 22, and from noon until 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 23.

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Share Your Views!

Write A Letter

To the Editor.

Proudly Serving Our Community

The Peoples Bank
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**Neighbor,
Come
Celebrate
with us!**

Customer Appreciation Day is Friday, April 21st

The purpose of this Customer Appreciation Day is to let our customers know how strongly we feel about each of **you**.

*We have had an unmatched rate of growth in the past five years because of **you**, our customers.*

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County has built a sound financial base because of **you**, our customers.

As of February 17, 1995, The Peoples Bank of Coffee County board acquired all the absentee owned stock of the bank.

Therefore, The Peoples Bank of Coffee County is owned entirely by Coffee County people - There is absolutely no absentee ownership!!

As your friend and neighbor, we share your common interest. This interest and our sound financial base are the reasons we are in a position to fully understand and to serve **all** your financial needs, both now and in the future.

We invite you to stop by the bank on Friday for homemade refreshments and let us express our thanks in person!!

Neighbor, Come Celebrate with us!

The Peoples Bank of Coffee County

Elba Member FDIC New Brockton

Social Notes

Crook - Greer Wedding planned for Friday, June 23rd



Mr. Greer & Miss Crook

Miss Coffee County Pageant to be held Saturday, April 29th

The Miss Coffee County Pageant will be held April 29 at the Enterprise State Junior College multi-purpose room, at 2:00 p.m. (older girls) and 7:00 p.m. (younger girls). There will be 4 age groups to compete in:

- Little Miss - 1st grade girls;
- Junior Miss - 9-12 year old girls;
- Miss Teen - 13-16 year olds;
- Miss - ages 17-21 as of Oct. 1, 1995.

This is a preliminary to the Miss Peanut and Little Miss Peanut Pageant held in Dothan.

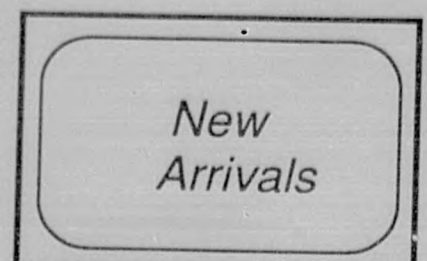
Wignass Pageants will be sponsoring this event and all proceeds will be donated to the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds monthly meeting

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met on April 6, 1995 in the home of Mrs. Carolyn Brunson with Mrs. Margaret Hasty as co-hostess. Mrs. Brunson called the meeting to order and led the club members in reading the Gardeners Creed.

Mrs. Brunson introduced Mrs. Sandra Coffey of the Coffee County Extension Service. She gave a most interesting program on "Health Foods". She discussed food labels and how to read them so we can plan healthy meals and snacks. The standard label is now required on almost all food products that are sold.

Her program was enjoyed by all the club members, a business meeting followed. Those present were: Mrs. Helen Bruckner, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Mrs. Margaret Hasty, Mrs. Joan Jacobs, Mrs. Jean Kennett, Mrs. Allene Lee, Mrs. Addie Belle Martin, Mrs. Ann Miles, Mrs. Addie Lee Newman, Mrs. Mildred Pearce, Mrs. Jean Thompson, and Mrs. Irma Warr.



New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. David Lowery are the proud parents of a son, Andrew Tyler Lowery. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Robert and Frances Lowery of Georgiana, AL and Dwight and Carolyn Kelley of Elba.

Kristin Michelle Johnson

Mark and Jackie Johnson of Elba, AL announce the birth of their daughter, Kristin Michelle Johnson on April 6, 1995. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Obedia and Sammy Bolata of Alabama and T.C. and Kathy Johnson of Florida. Kristin was welcomed home by her older sisters, Jocelyn and Monica.



Ashley Martin

Ashley Martin celebrates first birthday recently

Ashley Martin, daughter of Will and Melanie Martin, celebrated her 1st birthday on April 2 at her home in Millbrook, AL.

The theme of Ashley's party was "Kitty Cats", because one of her favorite things is the neighbor's kitten. Ashley's family enjoyed the kitten cake, baked and decorated by Mom and Dad, ice cream, pretzels, crackers, and drinks.

Guests included Mom and Dad and big sister, Amanda; Gummy and Granddad (Olive Ray and Shorty Martin); Momma B. and Pa (Barbara and Philip Scarborough); Joey, Ann, Sarah Beth, and Joseph Ritchey; Terry and Anna Miller, and Anna's friend, Mandy Collins.



Mr. & Mrs. Speigner

Mr. & Mrs. Speigner to be honored on 50th Wedding Anniversary

In honor of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Warren and Annette Speigner, their children and grandchildren request the pleasure of your company at a reception on Sunday, April 30, 1995 from 2:00-4:00 in the hall at Bethany Baptist Church in the Christian Life Center, New Brockton, AL.



Mr. Harrelson & Miss Hamilton

Miss Hamilton and Mr. Harrelson announce June Wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hamilton of Chattahoochee, Florida proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Mildred Jill to Michael Ingram Harrelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harrelson of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Foster and Mildred Huddleston of Heidelberg, Mississippi and Kit Hamilton and the late Mildred Hamilton of Foster, Kentucky.

She is a 1987 graduate of Chattahoochee High School and a 1992 graduate of Troy State University with a bachelor of science degree in physical education. She is employed at the First Baptist Church in Elba as a teacher and coach. She is currently pursuing a master's degree at Troy State University.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mary Alice Kidd and the late Rev. Daniel B. Kidd of Brantley, and the late Engram and Mattie Harrelson of Elba.

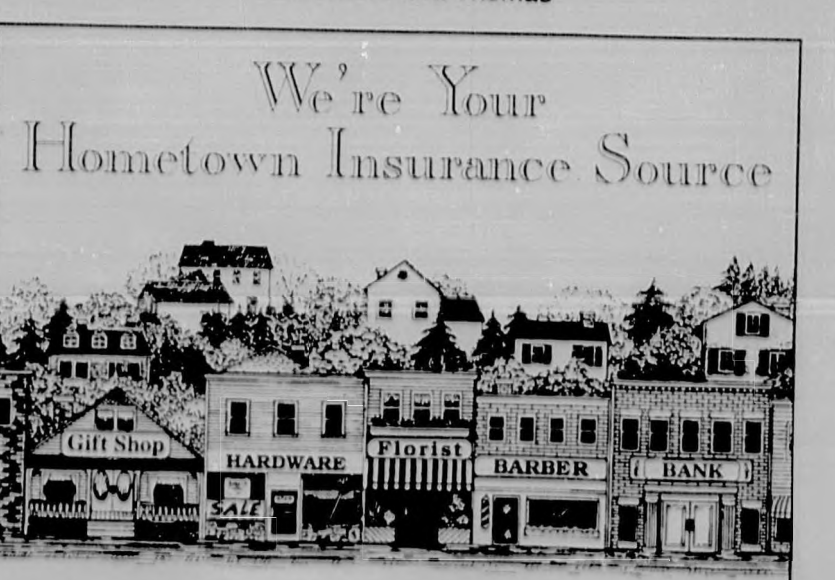
He is a 1980 graduate of Elba High School and a 1984 graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor of science degree in agronomy education. He is also employed with the Eufaula City School System as a teacher and FFA advisor. He will finish his master's degree from Alabama A&M University in July.

The wedding is planned for June 24 at 4:00 p.m. EST at the First Baptist Church in Elba. All family and friends are invited to attend.

James & Eva Thomas honored with Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Reception



James & Eva Thomas



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137 Court St. Elba, AL 897-2981

Father/Son Camp Out planned at Camp Victory

A Father/Son Camp Out will be held at Camp Victory, May 5-6, 1995. This will be a great time for dads and sons to get away from their normal routines and invest some quality time together enjoying God's creation. To register call Camp Victory at (334) 898-7948.

Gospel Sing to be held at Faith Chapel April 22

Faith Chapel Church will have a Gospel Sing, Saturday night, April 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The New Covenant Singers from Samson will be the guest group. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

Helicon District to celebrate 17th annual session

The Laymen of the Helicon District will celebrate their 17th annual session on April 30, 1995 at 12:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Rev. Donny Harris is pastor and Bro. A.L. Folmar is the Laymen President.

Annual Friendship Tea planned for April 30 at Goshen

The Annual Friendship Tea of Muse Pride Chapter #708 O.E.S. will be held Sunday, April 30, 1995 at 4:00 p.m. at Goshen First Baptist Church. The speaker will be Sis. Smithie Brew, W.M., Pride of Alabama - W.M. District #8.

SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Week of April 23rd THE MODEL PRAYER

When Jesus' disciples saw Him praying, they asked Him to teach them to pray. He taught them to begin, "Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Did He mean for them to repeat this prayer by memory? Many Christians today are asking for help in prayer. In this program and the next, we will examine Jesus' teaching and some other relevant helps for a more rewarding prayer life.

7:30 a.m., Channel 32 (Channel 13 on cable)

Look! Small Ads Do Get Attention! You're reading one! Call THE ELBA CLIPPER 897-2823 Today!!!!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS EACH WED. AT 11:45.

HOUR OF TRUTH - WELB 1:30 AM - 1:30:00 PM - Sun. Rev. Jonas Rogers

MON DEVOUL WELB Monday thru Friday 12:05 - 12:28 PM - Bill Beck

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FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH - Randall Pearson Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Morning Service 11:30 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Paul Nelson Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Morning Service 11:30 a.m. C.A. (Youth) 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kinston - Robert Bowen Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Mom. Service 11:00 a.m. C.A. (Youth) 5:30 p.m. Evangelistic Serv. 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe R. Grimes-Pastor Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Service 11:30 a.m. Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m. Bible Band Tues. 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Aid Thurs. 7 p.m. Bible Band Tues. 7:00 p.m. Live Broadcast WELB 12:45 p.m.

GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie L. Peterson Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC - Pastor W. K. Elliott Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Service 11:30 a.m. YFWM Sunday 5:45 p.m. Bible Band Tues. 7:00 p.m. Pastor's Aid Thurs. 7 p.m. Bible Band Tues. 7:00 p.m. Live Broadcast WELB 12:45 p.m.

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SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH - Campbell Sasser Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 6:00 p.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH - Ben Anslung Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Choir Practice 4:30 p.m. Training Union 5:00 p.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH - Tony Day Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 10:00 a.m. Even. Service 5:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting - Wed. 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal - Wed. 7:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH - Danny Madison Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Church Training 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

WIDE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Kenneth Hagler Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Service 11:00 a.m. Youth Service 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:00 p.m. Fri. Home Prayer 7:00 p.m. WPMW 6:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH - Seaden Wooten Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Training Union 5:00 p.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

ZION COMMUNITY CHURCH - Richard and Pat Jones Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Mom. Worship 11:00 a.m. Even. Service 6:00 p.m. Thursday Serv. 7:00 p.m.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. John Bryan
Elba United Methodist Church

Victorious Living

Comedian Bob Hope once reported a snow storm in Palm Springs. He called it "God's way of reminding the rich that He is more powerful than they are."

That's what Easter does! It reminds us that God is more powerful than the forces of evil and death—that He still has the last word! It reminds us that Jesus' victory is our victory over sin and death. Because Jesus has overcome death decisively, you and I can live life to the fullest.

Easter is a triumphant blast that defeats sin and death. Who can read the angel's announcement on that first Easter—"Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for He is risen, as He said" (Matthew 28:5-6)—and not be thrilled by it? The Empty Tomb adds to the exclamation point to the sentence of the Cross. Easter makes it possible for the Christian to look beyond defeat, to see beyond the curtain of death, to see into the very glories of Heaven itself—where Christ's victory will be ours in all its fullness.

If we will live in His fullness, then Revival Fires will surely burn. So let it be!

NEW ARRIVAL



Kyle, Kolby and Kelsey Newton

Kyle (age 6) and Kelsey (age 3) Newton of Montgomery, AL, proudly announce the birth of their brother, Kolby Kristopher, on February 7, 1995 at 1:44 p.m. at Jackson Hospital in Montgomery, AL. He weighed 9 lbs. and 2 oz. and was 21 3/4 inches long.

CARD OF THANKS

The family of JOHNNIE MACK WILSON would sincerely thank you for all your visits, calls, food, cards, flowers and prayers during the loss of our loved one. May God bless each of you.

Willie Mae
Lennie
Maxine
Fred
Marcus
4-20-Tip

Elba Public Library to have BOOK SALE April 17-21 9:00 A. M. - 5:00 P. M.

Deadline For Socials & Church News Is Monday!!!!

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Social Notes

Crook - Greer Wedding planned for Friday, June 23rd



Mr. Greer & Miss Crook

Miss Coffee County Pageant to be held Saturday, April 29th

The Miss Coffee County Pageants will be held April 29 at the Enterprise State Junior College multi-purpose room, at 2:00 p.m. (older girls) and 7:00 p.m. (younger girls). There will be 4 age groups to compete in:

- Little Miss - 1st grade girls;
- Junior Miss - 9-12 year old girls;
- Miss Teen - 13-16 year olds;
- Miss - ages 17-21 as of Oct. 1, 1995.

For an entry form or more information contact Lia Jones at 347-6907 or Larry Andrews at 508-4243. Deadline for entry will be Monday, April 24.

This is a preliminary to the Miss Peanut and Little Miss Peanut Pageant held in Dothan.

Wiggrass Pageants will be sponsoring this event and all proceeds will be donated to the Coffee County Arts Alliance.

Magnolia Home & Garden Club holds monthly meeting

The Magnolia Home and Garden Club met on April 6, 1995 in the home of Mrs. Carolyn Brunson with Mrs. Margaret Hasty as co-hostess. Mrs. Brunson called the meeting to order and led the club members in reading the Gardeners' Creed.

Mrs. Brunson introduced Mrs. Sandra Coffey of the Coffee County Extension Service. She gave a most interesting program on "Health Foods". She discussed food labels and how to read them so we can plan healthy meals and snacks. The standard label is now required on almost all food products that are sold. Her program was enjoyed by all the club members, a business meeting followed. Those present were: Mrs. Helen Bruckner, Mrs. Carolyn Brunson, Mrs. Margaret Hasty, Mrs. Joan Jacobs, Mrs. Jean Kennett, Mrs. Allene Lee, Mrs. Addie Belle Martin, Mrs. Ann Miles, Mrs. Addie Newman, Mrs. Mildred Pearce, Mrs. June Thompson, and Mrs. Irma Warr.

New Arrivals

ANDREW TYLER LOWERY

Mr. and Mrs. David Lowery are the proud parents of a son, Andrew Tyler Lowery. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Robert and Frances Lowery of Georgiana, AL and Dwight and Carolyn Kelley of Elba.

KRISTIN MICHELLE JOHNSON

Mark and Jackie Johnson of Elba, AL, announce the birth of their daughter, Kristin Michelle Johnson on April 6, 1995. She weighed 7 lbs. 7 oz. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Obedia and Sammy Bolada of Alabama and T.C. and Kathy Johnson of Florida. Kristin was welcomed home by her older sisters, Jocelyn and Monica.

John Coffee DAR to meet

The John Coffee Chapter of the Daughters of American Revolution will hold its final meeting of the year Thursday, April 20, 1995, at 3:45 p.m. at the New Brockton High School in Elsie Hilton's room. Installation of new officers will be at this time. All members are urged to attend.



Ashley Martin

Ashley Martin celebrates first birthday recently

Ashley Martin, daughter of Will and Melanie Martin, celebrated her 1st birthday on April 2 at her home in Millbrook, AL.

The theme of Ashley's party was "Kitty Cats", because one of her favorite things is the neighbor's kitten. Ashley's family enjoyed the kitten cake, baked and decorated by Mom and Dad, ice cream, pretzels, crackers, and drinks.

Guests included Mom and Dad and big sister, Amanda; Gummy and Granddad (Olive Ray and Shorty Martin); Momma B. and Pa (Barbara and Philip Scarborough); Joey, Ann, Sarah Beth, and Joseph Ritchey; Terry and Anna Miller, and Anna's friend, Mandy Collins.

SEND YOUR TIMELY THANKS

Professional Secretaries Week Begins April 24
The perfect expression of thanks for all their dedication and support.

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Mr. Harrelson & Miss Hamilton

Miss Hamilton and Mr. Harrelson announce June Wedding plans

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Hamilton of Chattahoochee, Florida proudly announce the engagement of the grandson of Mary Alice Kidd and the late Rev. Daniel B. Kidd of Brantley, and the late Engram and Mattie Harrelson of Elba.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of the late Foster and Mildred Hamilton of Heidelberg, Mississippi and Kit Hamilton and the late Mildred Hamilton of Foster, Kentucky.

She is a 1987 graduate of Chattahoochee High School and a 1992 graduate of Troy State University with a bachelor's degree in science degree in physical education. She is employed 24 at 4:00 p.m. EST at the First by the Eufaula City School System as a teacher and coach. She is currently pursuing a master's degree at Troy State University.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Mary Alice Kidd and the late Rev. Daniel B. Kidd of Brantley, and the late Engram and Mattie Harrelson of Elba.

He is a 1980 graduate of Elba High School and a 1984 graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in agriscience education. He is also employed with the Eufaula City School System as a teacher and FFA advisor. He will finish his master's degree from Alabama A&M University in July.

The wedding is planned for June 10 at 4:00 p.m. EST at the First by the Eufaula City School System United Methodist Church in Chattahoochee, Florida. All family and friends are invited to attend.

James & Eva Thomas honored with Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary Reception

James and Eva Thomas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 22, 1995. They were married 50 years ago in Preston, England.

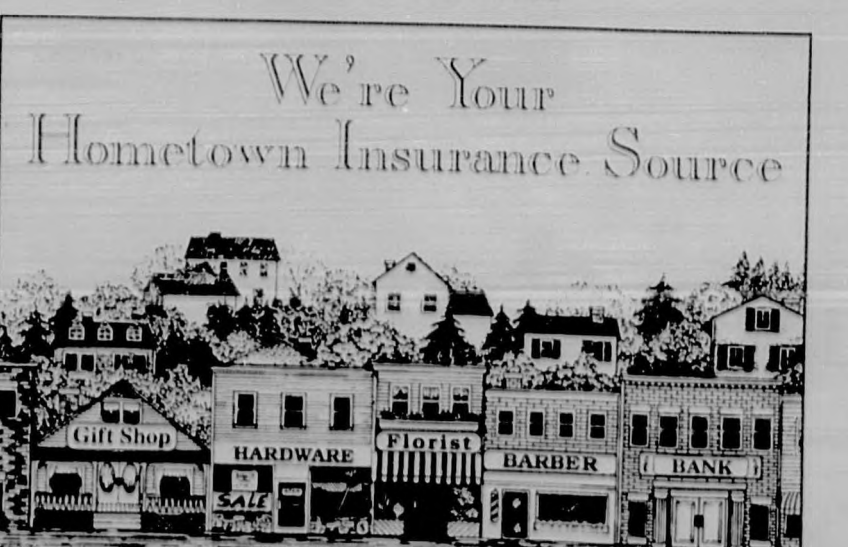
Their children honored them with a reception on April 2, 1995 in the home of their daughter and her husband, Linda and John Robert Smith. The other children assisting with the reception were Richard Thomas and his wife, Birdie, Gloria Jeffcoat and her husband, George, of Gordon, AL and Nancy Barfield and her husband, Carlos, of Dothan, AL.

Guests were greeted at the driveway of the Smith home with large wicker bells and gold ribbons. The entry to the home was decorated with ferns and arrangements of spring flowers. Guests were registered by the Thomas' granddaughter, Victoria Jeffcoat. The table featured a replica of the original wedding cake. Granddaughters Amy Nelson, April Kelly, Anna Fields, and Abby Fields, and daughter-in-law Birdie Thomas, assisted with the refreshments.

Many of the couples' relatives and friends attended the reception making it a most special day for them and their children.



James & Eva Thomas



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137 Court St. Elba, AL 897-2981

Father/Son Camp Out planned at Camp Victory

A Father/Son Camp Out will be held at Camp Victory, May 5-6, 1995. This will be a great time for dads and sons to get away from their normal routines and invest some quality time together enjoying God's creation. To register call Camp Victory at (334) 898-7948.

Gospel Sing to be held at Faith Chapel April 22

Faith Chapel Church will have a Gospel Sing, Saturday night, April 22 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The New Covenant Singers from Samson will be the guest group. Everyone is cordially invited to come.

Helicon District to celebrate 17th annual session

The Laymen of the Helicon District will celebrate their 17th annual session on April 30, 1995 at 12:30 p.m. at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Rev. Donny Harris is pastor and Bro. A.L. Folmar is the Laymen President.

Annual Friendship Tea planned for April 30 at Goshen

The Annual Friendship Tea of Muse Pride Chapter #708 O.E.S. will be held Sunday, April 30, 1995 at 4:00 p.m. at Goshen First Baptist Church. The speaker will be Sis. Smithie Brew, W.M., Pride of AL #60 Grand CFCF - State of Alabama - W.M. District #8.

SEARCH OF THE LORD'S WAY

Week of April 23rd

THE MODEL PRAYER

When Jesus' disciples saw Him praying, they asked Him to teach them to pray. He taught them to begin, "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name..." Did He mean for them to repeat this prayer by memory? Many Christians today are asking for help in prayer. In this program and the next, we will examine Jesus' teaching and some other relevant helps for a more rewarding prayer life.

7:30 a.m., Channel 32 (Channel 13 on cable)

Look! Small Ads Do Get Attention! Call THE ELBA CLIPPER 897-2823 Today!!!!

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

THE ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION MEETS EACH WED. AT 11:45.

HOUR OF TRUTH - WELB

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Sun. Rev. John Rodgers
Non-Devotion WELB Monday thru Friday 12:45 - 12:50 PM - Bill Beck

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. John W. McCrumme
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.
Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Johnny Padalino
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST

J.J. Hittaway
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Church Training 5:30 p.m.
Even. Serv. 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 7:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

L.O. Martz
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship 5:30 p.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

E. H. Hill
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 12:00 noon
1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Sundays

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH - Faron Golden

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 4:00 p.m.
Even. Service 7:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:00 p.m.

DOCK'S BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marler
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Training Union 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST - Bill Beck, Minister

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD - Lamar Dean

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. 7:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY - J.E. Waley

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
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Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

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ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - John Bryan

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
M.T.F.

ENON BAPTIST CHURCH - Bernard Strickland

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS - Joe B. Grimes - Pastor

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening 6:00 p.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH - Willie L. Petersen

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC - Pastor W.K. Ellison

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:30 a.m.
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
Live Broadcast WELB 12:45 p.m.

HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH - J.L. Gray

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet. 6:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Paul Nelson

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship 11:00 a.m.
Morn. Service 1:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Ser. 5:00 p.m.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - Billy J. Reid

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
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Even. Service 6:00 p.m.
Youth Service - Wed. 7:00 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Greg Hanchey - Minister

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Counselor's Corner

Alpha Delta Kappa
Alpha Upsilon Chapter
The Alpha Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa is very proud to announce the offering of a \$350.00 cash scholarship. This scholarship is available to a woman who is planning to major in some area of education, and will graduate from a high school in Coffee County. Alpha Delta Kappa is an honorary society for women educators which is proud to promote excellence in education. Our Coffee County chapter has been offering assistance to students for a number of years through donations to individual institutions, but now we would like to have personal knowledge of the recipient and be able to follow their progress. Keeping this in mind, we are doing our application process and selection.

The deadline for applications is April 20, 1995. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jan W. Moore at 894-6886 in the evenings or 894-6152 at New Brockton Elementary School, or see your guidance counselor.

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English Classes Attend Shakespeare Festival

by Patrick Scarborough
Wednesday, April 5, the senior advanced and AP English classes took a trip to the Alabama Shakespeare Festival in Montgomery. The students left before school that morning. In the Carolyn Blount Theatre, they had front row seats to Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing". Though many students were hungry, they enjoyed the comedy and survived until lunch. The group made it back to EHS shortly before 4 p.m.

Whatever... by Whomever

*The EHS English Team will travel to ESC on April 21 for an English tournament.
*Members of the SGA will travel to MHS on April 21 for State Convention.
*The Jr./Sr. Prom will be held on April 22.
*The EHS Baseball Team will travel to Laverne on April 22 with the game beginning at 12:30. On April 25, they will play Opp here at 3:30.

EHS Golf Team

by Elena Strong
The newest addition to Elba High Athletics is a co-ed golf team. Six girls and seven guys make up this new group. On April 5, the team traveled to Geneva for their tournament debut. The second tournament, which was to be held in Elba, was rained out. Another was scheduled in Headland for April 13. As the program has gained great student interest and the golf athletes have acquired experience, Coaches Lynn Cook and Susan Barnes hope to see their team go all the way to state. Good luck to the Elba High Golf Team as they begin a new Tiger tradition.



Pictured above are (back row, l to r) John DuBose, Mandy Taylor, Mark Wicker, Michael Vines, and Adam Brookins; (middle row, l to r) Reese Grantham, Destiny Brown, Jill Martin, and Dana Ward; (front row, l to r) Dustin Stinson, Angie Parrish, Lindsey Jared, and Lance Johnson.

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Tiger Tales

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



by Mary Stephens & Ramey Bryan
James Siler - James is in the eighth grade and is the son of Deborah Siler. He is a member of FFA and his hobbies include drawing and playing basketball. James attends church at Harris Temple.
Brandee Farris - Brandee is the ninth grade daughter of George and Kay Farris. She is a member of FBLA, the Spanish Club, Jr. Beta Club, and Chi Alpha Mu. Brandee enjoys drawing, talking on the phone, and riding horses. She attends Westside Baptist Church.
John DuBose - John is in the tenth grade and is the son of Jim and Beth DuBose. He is a member of Sr. Beta, FFA, FHA, and Mu Alpha Theta. He enjoys playing golf and being with friends. John attends Westside Baptist Church.
Nyoma Coleman - Nyoma is the eleventh grade son of Henry Coleman and Anne Coleman. He is a member of FBLA and FHA. Nyoma enjoys rapping and going out. He attends Harris Temple Church of God in Christ.

1995 All-Alabama Academic Team

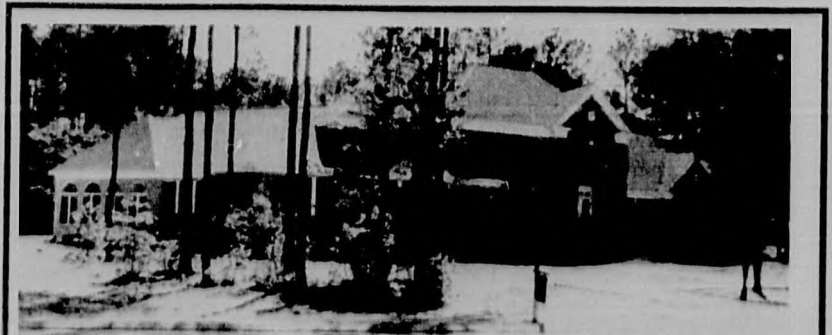
The Department of Postsecondary Education has announced the selections for the new All-Alabama Academic Team from Phi Theta Kappa. Laura is Vice President of Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa, President of Mu Alpha Theta, Secretary for the Student Government Association, Secretary of Interclub Council, editor of the Newsletter, member of Circle K, an LBW Ambassador, Who's Who Among America's Junior College Students, and a two year scholarship recipient for the performing arts. Laura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall of Elba.

University majoring in pharmacy, Laura is Vice President of Scholarship for Phi Theta Kappa, President of Mu Alpha Theta, Secretary for the Student Government Association, Secretary of Interclub Council, editor of the Newsletter, member of Circle K, an LBW Ambassador, Who's Who Among America's Junior College Students, and a two year scholarship recipient for the performing arts. Laura is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall of Elba.

LBW College announces Winter Quarter Honor Students

LBW College President Seth Hammett has announced academic honor students for the 1995 Winter Quarter. A total of 74 students were named to the President's List and 75 students were named to the Dean's List. To qualify for these distinctions, students must be enrolled on a full-time basis and post a 3.50-3.99 (B+) grade point average to qualify for the Dean's List, and 4.0 (A) grade point average to qualify for the President's List. Laura Denise Hall of Elba has been named as an Academic Honor Student for the Winter Quarter.

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SENIORS OF THE WEEK



Pictured above are Melissa Sorrells and Chad Adkinson.

by Missy McDaniel & Charlie Driggers
Chad Adkinson - Chad is the 17 year old son of Steve and Charlotte Adkinson. He has attended the Elba City School System his entire life and is a member of VICA. Chad participates in the co-op program and works at Kelley's Packing House. He is a member of the Elba United Methodist Church and enjoys hunting, fishing, camping, and riding jet skis in his spare time. After graduation, Chad plans to attend ESC.
Melissa Sorrells - Melissa is the 18 year old daughter of Tommy and Pat Sorrells. She currently serves as president of Future Homemakers of America and secretary of VICA. In her spare time she enjoys walking, talking, and spending time with friends. After graduation, Melissa plans to attend Enterprise State Junior College in pursuit of a nursing degree.

Elba City Schools Menu April 24-28, 1995

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Toast & Jelly or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Corn, Cake, Milk
Tuesday - Sausage & Biscuit or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Chili Dog, Field Peas, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Pancakes or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Chicken Fillet, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Rolls, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Turkey Sandwich, French Fries, Green Beans, Apple, Milk
Friday - Toast & Eggs or Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Beef Potatoes w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Garden Peas, Fruit, Milk

Students Receive Honors



by Dawn Grimes
Friday, April 7, several students from Elba High School attended the annual math tournament at Enterprise State Junior College. Students competed in the categories of Algebra I, geometry, Algebra II, and advanced math. Four seniors received honorable mentions in the advanced math competition, meaning they scored in the top ten of their division. These students are pictured above. They are (l to r) Cary Clark, Elena Strong, Dawn Grimes, and Aretha Wright.

ESJC HAPPENINGS

Advances in today's technology created a burgeoning interest in microcomputers. Enterprise State Junior College once again offers Using the Microcomputer - Level II. This course is designed especially for the student who has experience with keyboarding and at the conclusion of the course students should be able to demonstrate an understanding of the basic concepts of computer hardware components and basic capabilities of a variety of software packages including WordPerfect, Lotus 1-2-3, and dBase III+. Students must bring a 3 1/2" diskette to the first class. The course is scheduled for 5:00-7:30 p.m., Mondays only, May 1-22. There is a \$30.00 fee for the course and the registration deadline is April 24. For more information, call 393-ESJC, ext. 234.

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A Walk In The Future

by Joey Arnold
An old man was walking through the forest with his only son. They had been following a path that ran parallel to a small stream for quite some time when the young man stopped and looked at his father.
"Father," he said with a pained expression. "What is the meaning of it all? Why are we here? What do we accomplish from day to day? Would it really matter if, one morning, instead of getting out of bed as I usually do, I remained in bed until mid-afternoon and did no work that day? Would this cause the world to end or would the sun not rise in the morning? Would anyone really notice? Would anyone really care?"
They walked on for quite some time before the old man finally began to speak. At first, he spoke so softly the lad had to strain to make out his words. As he continued to speak, his voice grew strong until it was almost a shriek.
"My son," he wheezed, "You have lived in my house for almost one-quarter of a century now and I have let you live, for the most part, as you please. All I have asked of you is that you do not drink excessively and that you do not cause trouble with the townspeople when you go out on weekends. Now you have become a man and it is time for you to leave this house and go out into the world to seek your fortune. You will meet many strange people in the world. Many of these people will try to take advantage of you. You must be alert at all times so that you are not deceived. I can give you only one bit of parting advice." The old man spoke with his son for a few moments more and then they embraced and the boy continued along the same path while the old man turned back toward home. When the boy had walked three miles, he sat down under a tree to think for the old man's advice had been very strange indeed. After a time, he decided that, as he grew older, the meaning of his father's words would become clearer to him. He continued walking while the old man's words played back again and a gain in his mind.
The old man's parting words to his only son were these: "The green frog sits on the cool lily pad and is peaceful, but the dragonfly moves from place to place and learns much."

Hobbs Wins Driving Contest

by Shey Nelson
Kevin Hobbs, FFA member at Zion Chapel High School, won first place in the Coffee County Tractor Driving Contest. Kevin was among the seven in the county who competed. Jarod Jirright, also from Zion Chapel, was one of the competitors. This competition was sponsored by the Ford Tractor Company of Enterprise.
This was Kevin's first attempt in tractor driving competition; however, he was very active in other FFA events. He has competed in several steer shows and won several prizes.
Kevin will attend district competition which will be held in Troy on the campus of Troy State University in April. A win at district competition would mean a chance to compete at the state level.
When asked about his tractor driving skill, Kevin said, "I learned to drive a tractor on my grandfather's farm at Dancy's Crossroads. Granddaddy and Uncle Tom taught me what I know about tractor driving."
Mr. John McCorty is the sponsor of FFA.

Drum Major & Colorguard Tryouts



Pictured above are (l-r) Lee Ann Ellis, Shey Nelson, Ashley Nelson, and Tasha Cooper.

by Shey Nelson
Shey Nelson will lead the Marching Rebels next year as drum major. She is the 16 year old daughter of Pat and Sheila Nelson. She is a junior this year. Ashley Nelson was chosen as the assistant drum major. Ashley is the 15 year old daughter of Robert and Brenda Nelson. Ashley is a freshman this year. During the tryouts, each contestant demonstrated voice commands, did basic patterns and a routine to the song *Imperato Overture*, and each had a personal interview.
The judges for the tryouts were Art Williams, Terry Spader, Kinston's Band Director, and W.A. Jordan. Art and W.A. are both from Troy State University.

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1995-96 Cheerleaders

by Betsy Coale
Heather Davis, Angie Seacat, Suzanna Stinson, Kendra Ward, and April Grissett are the 1995-96 Varsity Cheerleaders.
Cheerleaders were chosen for this position after three days of practice where they learned a dance, a group cheer, a group chant, and an individual cheer. The tryout also required two jumps. One kind of jump was required and the other kind was a choice.
The Junior Varsity Cheerleaders were chosen on the same day. They are Morgan Hodge, Stacy Cape, Sarah Maddox, Katie Sanders, Kayla Eddins, and Jessica Kelley.



1995 Varsity Cheerleaders: front row (l-r) April Grissett and Angie Seacat; back row (l-r) Suzanna Stinson, Heather Davis, and Kendra Ward.



1995 Junior Varsity Cheerleaders: front row (l-r) Kayla Eddins, Morgan Hodge, and Katie Sanders; back row (l-r) Stacy Cape, Jessica Kelley, and Sarah Maddox.

Coffee County Schools Menu April 24 - 28, 1995

BREAKFAST	LUNCH
Monday - Pop Tart, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Monday - Fish Krippy or Hamburger, Baked Beans, French Fries, Fruit, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Milk
Tuesday - Scrambled Eggs, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Tuesday - Roast Beef or Chicken Fillet Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes, String Beans, Fruit, Rolls, Milk
Wednesday - Honey Bun, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Tuna Salad or Burrito, Tossed Salad, Corn, Orange Jell, Cherry Cobbler, Crackers, Milk
Thursday - Pancake, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Chili or Cornedog, Baked Potato, Onion Rings, Fruit, Crackers, Raisin Bran, Milk
Friday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Fish Sandwich or Ravioli w/Meat Sauce, Corn on Cob, English Peas, Fruit, Bread, Cheese, Milk

FFA Plans Annual Banquet

by Joe Carnley
The 1995 FFA banquet was among the main topics for discussion at the April FFA meeting. Contests, proficiency awards and FFA degrees were also discussed.
The decision was made to have a joint banquet with the Future Homemakers of America (FHA). The purpose of this joint banquet is hopefully to make it easier and cheaper for both clubs.
Small Engines, Land Judging, Nursery/Landscaping, and Floriculture are contests that will be held before school is out. Members of the club will be participating in all of these events. Practice for each contest has already begun. There will also be a Parliamentary Procedure contest. The officers of the club will be participating in this event.
Proficiency awards are awards given to members that do well on their Supervised Agriculture Experience Program (SAEP). The members have been working hard on the SAEP's during the year and should have been doing well. An SAEP is a write up about the particular project a person has completed. The Proficiency awards will be given at the upcoming banquet.
FFA degrees will also be awarded at the banquet. They are the Greenhand Degree and the Chapter Degree. In order to receive these degrees, a member has to fulfill certain requirements set by the FFA organization.

Forestry Judging Team



How Tall Is It? Pictured above are (l-r) Larry Sikes, Joey Herbert and Stacy Brooks as they measure the height of a tree.

by Stacy Brooks
Joey Herbert, Thomas Cooley, Larry Sikes, and Stacy Brooks were the members of the Zion Chapel FFA Forestry Judging Team. The team placed second in the county forestry judging contest.
The contest was held in March in New Brockton at Camp Alford. The contestants competed in the three categories of compass course, land management recommendations, and tree measurements.

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Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

With two dogs outside and one cat roaming inside, it was amazing to me that the Easter Bunny even made it inside the Mularz house. Melanie didn't seem to really understand what the Easter Bunny was all about and was more excited about hunting eggs than waiting for some rabbit to bring her some candy, while Melissa seemed to just enjoy all the fun associated with the holiday. Both girls got all dressed up for church on Sunday and both were involved in special ceremonies at the church, so, I guess all in all it was a very exciting, and fun Easter for us all!

ELBA TIGERS SEE LOSING SKID REACH SIX GAMES

The Elba Tigers and their fans were all excited early in the season after wins over 5A Greenville and 4A T.R. Miller; however, the win over T.R. Miller was back the last week in March was the last win the Tigers have claimed and dropped three games last week as their losing skid reached six games and their record dipped to 3-7, 0-2 in Area 4 action.

The Tigers hit the ball well in all three losses and scored 26 runs in the three games, an average of almost nine runs per game. The hitting was good enough to win, but the defense stumbled, especially in its 10-error disaster against Luverne, and the pitching staff was issuing free passes (walks) like Hardee's gives away coupons. The combination of errors and walks resulted in 45 runs being scored by Elba's opponents in three games, an average of 15 runs allowed per game. The football team would have a hard time winning giving 15 points a game, but in baseball it is almost impossible to win allowing such big numbers.

I watched Elba's loss to Opp on Saturday afternoon and except for a couple of errors and a mental mistake or two, the Tigers played well enough to win. Che Vaughan pitched four strong innings and Jason Smith did a good job in relief. The problem of walks again hurt, as the duo allowed 8 walks in six innings, with four of the batters that reached on walks coming around to score runs. Two of the other Opp runs came from players that reached base on errors, which means that only two of Opp's eight runs came via the hit. Elba made four errors in the loss, and all four errors came at bad times for the Tigers. The defense was solid overall, but the errors came in critical situations and were unforgotten. While the defense played pretty good, the offense made good contact all game long and outbatted the highly-touted Bobcats 9-6. Chris Tyson had two hits and 4 RBI's to lead the batters, while Griffin Shirley and Che Vaughan both added two hits. The Tigers had only three batters strike out through the first six innings and every single batter hit the ball hard, but more often than not, hit the ball right at a defender.

I know Elba has now lost six straight games and is in danger of missing the playoffs for the first time in over a decade; however, the Tigers have the players with the skills needed to win ballgames, they just seem to be waiting for something bad to happen, instead of making something good happen. Sometimes it takes just one spark to ignite a fire, and I still believe that the spark will come soon and the Tigers will turn some opponents!

OPEN DATES IN FOOTBALL CREATE INTEREST

I was looking at the Alabama High School Athletic Association's monthly bulletin over the weekend and paid particular attention to the list of open dates in football for the 1995 season. The Elba Tigers are open on October 13, and among the other teams having the same open date are cross-country rival (1A) Kinston, (2A) Clayton, (3A) R.C. Hatch, (3A) Susan Moore, (5A) Alha, (5A) Greenville, (5A) Oxford, and (6A) Tuscaloosa County. I doubt the Bulldogs from Kinston would be very interested in playing their 3A neighbors; however, Elba is sitting around with only four home games this season, and I can't help but believe that Clayton or R.C. Hatch would come to town for a price. Even if the schools had to be paid to fill the open date, the money paid out wouldn't approach the amount made at a home game. Just a thought!

Some other possible match-ups could include Elmore County vs. New Brockton on Nov.3, Kinston vs. Clayton on Oct.13, Zion Chapel vs. American Christian on Sept.29, Florida vs. Lyman Ward on Oct.20, and Dothan vs. Jeff Davis on Nov.3. I know that the schools may not want to play each other, but 10 games certainly wouldn't hurt when it comes time to pay the bills.

IT'S BALL SEASON AT RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The youth softball and baseball leagues opened their season this week and it looks like the summer of '95 may very well be the busiest season ever for everyone involved. The week before the season started the teams were all hard at work, and up at Hawkins-Williams Park the parking lot was filled just for practices. This season there will be a total of 24 baseball teams and 14 softball teams playing ball four nights per week, with five adult softball teams also joining in on the fun. The 38 youth teams include almost 600 players, not to mention over 100 coaches. When the adult softball league is added to the total, it brings the number of people directly involved in recreation activities to approximately 775. Now, let's add the 14 umpires it takes to officiate the games, the 10 concessionaires, the six scorekeepers and the five members of the Recreation Staff, and that total climbs over the 800 mark. That number doesn't even include the hundreds of fans that join the parks every night games are played. I realize that this time of the year is busy for recreation departments all across the nation; however, here in Elba, somewhere between 30-50 percent of the town's citizens either play, coach, work at or attend the games during the week. Hey, in Elba it's where it's at!!!!

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AHSAA changes playoff format in baseball and basketball, passes out \$1,500 in fines to schools

The Alabama High School Athletic Association held its annual spring meeting in March and the Legislative Council gave its approval to seven of the 27 proposals submitted by member schools.

Proposals receiving the necessary two-thirds vote for passage included:

*The home team for all area football games will have an official clock operator assigned from the Officials Association being used;

*To return to the area tournament format in basketball and abolish the sectional system used last season;

*Returning to the format having 16 areas in each classification, with one sub-state game and the winner advancing to the regional;

*Returned the boys and girls basketball programs to area play instead of section play for the 1995-96 season;

*Adopted a proposal that per-

mits 14 playing dates for each school in which to schedule tennis matches, and weekend tournaments;

*Changed the baseball playoff system to a system like that of the football playoffs, in which the brackets would rotate each year;

*And, agreed to shorten the length of the softball season by at least one week.

Other proposals that were approved by the member schools, but failed to receive the necessary "Council" approval, included:

*Allowing football teams to play a half against an opponent in the spring and a full game in the pre-season in the fall;

*Expanding fall jamborees to 48 minutes instead of 24 minutes;

*Using a running clock when one team goes ahead by 37 points or more at any time in the fourth quarter;

*Dividing the swimming classifications at the state meet to a 5A and 6A;

*Eliminating mandatory regular season section play in swimming beginning in 1996-97;

*Expanding the state basketball tournament to eight teams in all classes;

*Moving the state basketball tournament to the University of Alabama;

*Allowing two transfers from the same area to go to state in soccer;

*Allowing all areas to have the option of how to determine their area champion in baseball;

*Declaring a person's son or daughter eligible if that person is a tenured employee of a school system outside the school's district boundaries;

*Using a formula of counting all students in private schools one and one-half, instead of one student, for the purpose of classification;

*Allowing non-certified school board employees to coach specific, highly skilled non-revenue sports where a certified employee is not available;

*And, allowing ninth grade student-athletes attending a junior high school to participate in junior varsity athletics at the high school of which the junior high is a feeder.

The Alabama High School Athletic Association also handed out

some stiff fines and disciplinary action to member schools and officials.

These actions included:

*The indefinite suspension of Anthony W. Sims, of the Mobile County Basketball Officials Association because of violations of the AHSAA Code of Ethics. Sims was accused of berating and exhibiting unethical behavior towards game officials and also orally attacked an AHSAA staff in public.

*Fined Mt. Brook High School \$500 and placed the school on probation for one year because of the unsportsmanlike action of soccer player Jack Shannon during a March 3 match against Huffman.

The player was accused of shouting obscenities and actually making physical contact with a game official.

*Approved the suspension of Sammie King, of the Druid City Basketball Officials Association, for violation of the AHSAA Code of Ethics.

*Fined UMS-Wright \$500 and placed the school on probation for one year because of the flagrant, unsportsmanlike conduct of player Nathan Havens during a Jan.28 basketball game against Excel. Havens was accused of a vicious attack on an Excel player by striking him in the face with an elbow and/or forearm. The player was suspended from participation in any scholastic contest for the remainder of the 1994-95 season.

*Fined UMS-Wright \$250 and placed the school on probation for one year because Nathan Havens participated in football and basketball without being eligible due to his parents alleged failure to make a bona fide move. The player was declared ineligible for the same period of time during the 1994-95 school year that he played in during the 1994-95 school year.

*And, fined Hewitt-Trussville High School \$250 and placed the school on probation for one year for using an ineligible player in a soccer match March 11. The student had not made a bona fide move. The violation was self-reported.

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks saw their actions slowed by the rainy weather last week, but did manage to take the field for three games, and claimed two wins to improve their season record to 15-4.

"We could play a total of 20 games over the next two weeks," added Coach Trawick, "and we'll find out what kind of shape the girls are in. Most of the players began a voluntary conditioning program back in November, and while we think we're in good shape, we'll find out for certain over the next two weeks. We'll play a lot of players in the weeks to come and feel like we will be a much better team by tournament time because of the number of games we have played."

Following are highlights of last week's action:

NEW BROCKTON 20
HOUSTON AC. 0
The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks scored in every inning to blast Houston Academy 20-0.

Jennifer English went 3 for 4 with

a home-run to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Heather Smith went 2-3, Amy Arrington 2-4, and Ginger Reeves went 2-4, with 4 RBI's. Brooke Hart tossed a 3-hitter to get the win.

SAMSON 6
NEW BROCKTON 1
Samson jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the opening inning and never looked back in downing New Brockton 6-1.

LaSanta Cole went 2-3 with a home-run to lead New Brockton, while Heather Smith also went 2-3.

NEW BROCKTON 21
SAMSON 15
The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks rallied from a 10-10 fourth inning deadlock to grab a 21-10 lead and then held on late to down Samson 21-15.

Ginger Reeves went 4-6 and hit a home-run to lead New Brockton, while Nicole Meeks went 4-5 with 4 runs-batted-in and Jennifer English and Laura Edwards both went 3-4.

South Alabama Motor Speedway is located on Highway 52 between Opp and Kinston, AL. Races are every Saturday night through October with six classes racing weekly. Gates open at 4:00 p.m. and racing begins at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$7 adults, \$2.00 children (6-12 yrs.), and children 5 and under are admitted free.

On Saturday, April 22, 1995 Donnie Allison's "The Legend Cars" will be at the speedway.

Racing results from Saturday, April 15, 1995 are as follows:

Main Stock: 1st place - #68 of Tim Driscoll of Enterprise, AL; 2nd place - #99 Ray Childs of Elba, AL; and 3rd place - #56 David Hagler of Midland City, AL.

Limited Sportsman: 1st place - #51 Dennis Perkins of Brundidge, AL; 2nd place - #66 Kelly Wiloughby of Arton, AL; and 3rd place - #1 Johnny Perkins of Brundidge, AL.

Sportsman: 1st place - #Duwayne Middlebrooks of Millbrook, AL; 2nd place - #81 Chris Johnson of Dothan, AL; and 3rd place - #91 Chad Short of Andalusia, AL.

Huge: 1st place - #03 John Dukes of Ozark, AL; 2nd place - #10 Kenneth Adkins of New Brockton, AL; and 3rd place - #6 T.J. Chandler of Elba, AL.

MAKING FINAL PREPARATIONS....Drivers and mechanics always give their cars a final "once over" before taking the track. Racing continues to heat up every Saturday night at the South Alabama Motor Speedway, in Kinston.

Tiger losing streak reaches six games

Opp rally sinks Elba 8-6

The Elba Tigers saw their losing streak reach six games Saturday afternoon as the highly-touted Opp Bobcats pushed across three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning with the aid of only one hit to edge the Tigers 8-6, in Opp.

The loss left Elba with a 3-7 record, while Opp improved to 19-3 with the win.

The Tigers came out swinging against the Bobcats and stunned Opp by scoring three runs in the top of the first inning to grab a quick 3-0 lead.

Griffin Shirley started the outburst with a one-out single to center and then moved to second on a hit by Che Vaughan. Chris Tyson followed with a towering three-run

home-run over the left-field fence, and Elba was on the board early with a 3-0 lead.

The Tigers held onto the 3-0 lead until the bottom of the third inning, when Opp combined a bloop single with a walk, a hit batter and two errors, to plate two runs and cut the Elba lead to 3-2.

Elba pushed its lead to 4-2 in the top of the fourth as D'undray Peterson doubled and later scored on a failed steal attempt of second base.

The Bobcats got two hits in the bottom of the fourth, however, one of the hits was a two-run homer, as Opp rallied and scored three runs to take the lead at 5-4.

Griffin Shirley singled to open the fifth inning for the Tigers, moved to second on a fielder's choice, and then came in to tie the score at 5-5 on an RBI single by Chris Tyson. Tyson scored on a sacrifice fly by Todd Grantham, and the Tigers were back on top 6-5.

Opp went down in order in the bottom of the fifth, but rallied in the bottom of the sixth and plated three runs on only one hit to regain the lead at 8-6.

The late Bobcat rally was aided by three walks and an Elba error, and Opp held on in the seventh to claim the hard fought 8-6 win.

Chris Tyson got 2 hits and collected 4 runs-batted-in to lead Elba at the plate, while Che Vaughan and Griffin Shirley also added 2 hits apiece.

Che Vaughan was the starting pitcher for the Tigers and pitched four innings, allowing 4 hits and 4 walks, while Jason Smith came in in relief and tossed two innings, allowing 2 hits and 3 walks.

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DIAMOND DATES

Thursday, April 20
G.W. Long at Elba (4:00)

Friday, April 21
Kinston at Pleasant Home (3:30)
New Brockton at Arton (4:00)

Saturday, April 22
Elba at Luverne (12:30)
New Brockton at Red Level (1:00)

Tuesday, April 25
Coffee County System Tournament, at New Brockton

Wednesday, April 26
Coffee County System Tournament, at New Brockton

Thursday, April 20
Headland at Elba (2:40)
New Brockton at Kinston (2:30)

Friday, April 21
New Brockton at Wicksburg (2:30)

Monday, April 24
New Brockton at G.W. Long (2:30)

Tuesday, April 25
Carroll at Elba (2:40)
Carroll JV at Elba JV (2:40)
New Brockton at Florida (4:00)

South Alabama Motor Speedway results

#15 Royce Watson of Luverne, AL.
Main Stock: 1st place - #Mike Huxsey of Enterprise, AL; 2nd place - #99 Ray Childs of Elba, AL; and 3rd place - #56 David Hagler of Midland City, AL.

Limited Sportsman: 1st place - #51 Dennis Perkins of Brundidge, AL; 2nd place - #66 Kelly Wiloughby of Arton, AL; and 3rd place - #1 Johnny Perkins of Brundidge, AL.

Sportsman: 1st place - #Duwayne Middlebrooks of Millbrook, AL; 2nd place - #81 Chris Johnson of Dothan, AL; and 3rd place - #91 Chad Short of Andalusia, AL.

Huge: 1st place - #03 John Dukes of Ozark, AL; 2nd place - #10 Kenneth Adkins of New Brockton, AL; and 3rd place - #6 T.J. Chandler of Elba, AL.

Elba's Chris Tyson gets congratulations from teammates after hitting a three-run home-run in the top of the first inning to put the Tigers on top 3-0. Elba held the lead against Opp until the bottom of the sixth inning, when the Bobcats scored 3 runs to take the lead for good at 8-6.

Elba's Che Vaughan dives back to first-base safely after a pick-off attempt by the Opp pitcher. Vaughan got two hits in Elba's 8-6 loss to the 5A Bobcats as the Tigers outbatted Opp 9-6, but lost 8-6 on the scoreboards.

Luverne scores 10 runs in 9th inning

Elba drops Area clash 19-10

Elba's Chris Tyson saw their losing streak reach five games Thursday afternoon as the Luverne Tigers erupted for 10 runs in the ninth inning to take a 19-10 win over the Tigers, in Elba.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 3-6, 0-2 in Area 4 action, and left the Tigers in third place in the Area standings.

Elba fell behind 1-0 in the top of the first, but came right back in the bottom of the inning and pulled even at 1-1 on an RBI single by Chris Tyson that knocked in Griffin Shirley.

Luverne combined five hits with two walks and one error in the top of the second to grab a 6-1 advantage; however, Elba's Chris Hudson came in to quiet the Luverne bats in the top of the third, and the Tigers answered with five runs of their own in the bottom of the frame to again pull even, this time at 6-6.

A triple by Leray Smedley drove

in Shandez Daniels to get the Elba rally started, while Chris Hudson knocked in Smedley with a two-out single, and Hudson, Tyson and Eddie Cowen all later scored on a double by Todd Grantham!

Luverne scored a lone run in the sixth to go on top 7-6, but Elba again answered the challenge, and caught Luverne in the bottom of the inning when Shandez Daniels singled and scored on a fielder's choice.

Neither team scored in the seventh to send the game into extra innings, but both teams scored in the eighth as the game progressed with a 9-9 score.

Elba's eighth inning runs came when Che Vaughan tripled in Leray Smedley, and later crossed the plate

on a Luverne error.

Luverne's bats came to life in the ninth with four hits, but it was the Elba Tigers that did the most damage, as Elba pitchers allowed six walks, and Luverne exploded to score 10 runs to take a huge 19-9 lead.

Elba added a run in the bottom of the ninth on a stray home-run by D'undray Peterson, but this time the Tiger rally fell far short, as Luverne took home the 19-10 win.

Leray Smedley and Chris Tyson both got 2 hits for Elba. Chris Hudson pitched seven innings in relief and allowed two runs on four hits, while striking out 8 batters.

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Bass tournament set for April 29 at Frank Jackson
The Opp Jaycees will be hosting their 16th annual "Bass Tournament" at Opp's Lake Frank Jackson on April 29, 1995.
The tournament will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., with an entry fee of \$50 per boat. There will be a big fish pot available to those wishing to enter at \$10 per boat. Top prize will be \$500 first prize, \$300 second prize and \$200 third prize. All proceeds will be donated to the Alabama Children's and Women's Hospital.
For more information contact the Opp Jaycees at 354-493-9559, or project chairman Buddy Wise 334-493-6129, or co-chairman Lamar Lindsey 334-858-6624.

The Elba Men's Softball League returns this week after a one year absence and five teams are set to compete for the league title.
The league will play two games on Mondays and Tuesdays, beginning at 7:30 and 8:30, while on Thursday nights there will be one game, beginning at 7:30.

The teams in the league include All-Star Sports and Graphics, Nalley's, Elba Merchants, Wayne Farms and the Work Release Athletics.
All games in men's softball will be played on Field #3 at Hawkins-Williams Park.

Elba Parks & Recreation
BASEBALL & SOFTBALL SCHEDULES

BASEBALL
DIXIE MINOR & DIXIE YOUTH
(Legion Field)
Thursday, April 20
In Elba
6:00 - Phillies vs. Brewers
Friday, April 21
In Elba
6:00 - Braves vs. Astros
7:45 - Giants vs. Twins
Monday, April 24
In Elba
6:00 - Blue Jays vs. Giants
7:45 - Indians vs. White Sox
Tuesday, April 25
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6:00 - Phillies vs. Braves
Thursday, April 27
In Elba
6:00 - Brewers vs. Astros
BABE RUTH
(Legion Field)
Friday, April 21
6:00 - Rangers vs. Red Sox
Monday, April 24
6:00 - Marlins vs. Mariners
Thursday, April 27
6:00 - Cubs vs. Red Sox
COACH-PITCH
(Hawkins-Williams Park Field #1)
Thursday, April 20
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Pirates
Monday, April 24
6:00 - Cardinals vs. Mets
Tuesday, April 25
6:00 - Dodgers vs. Pirates
TEE-BALL
(Hawkins-Williams Park Field #3)
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Brantley's Stallworth & Person on squad
Teams and coaches have been named for the Alabama teams in the fifth annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star basketball games set for June 10 at the University of North Alabama, in Florence.
The double-header will feature outstanding seniors in boys and girls games.
The game is sponsored by the Alabama High School Athletic Directors and Coaches Association and the Mississippi High School Coaches Association.
Coaches of the boys team are Tony Stallworth of Brantley, and Calvin Hunter of Autaugaville, while the girls coaches are Mike Smith of Decatur, and Ronald Jackson of T.R. Miller.
Members of the boys team are Javaree Anderson of Greenville; Bart Hychy of Winfield; Boyd Kaiser of Vestavia Hills; Andre McKenstry of Central of Tuscaloosa; Adrian Person of Brantley; Bryant Smith of Butler of Huntsville; Greg Stolt of Grissom; Adaluis Thomas of Coosa Central; Brian Williams of Jeff Davis, of Montgomery; Donald Wynn of Buckhorn; Dewayne Brown of Jess Lanier; and Michael Chadwick of Autaugaville.
Selected to the girls team were Heather Mays of Fyffe; Lisa Baswell of Locust Fork; LATrish Jones of J.O. Johnson; Jodi Morris of Rantburne; Lindsay Grant of Daphne; Jennifer Collins of Muscle Shoals; Kwanna Mangruen of Athens; Andrea Rickard of Lexington; Latoya Webster of Central, of Florence; Keshawna Swainigan of Hamilton; Danielle Spears of North Sand Mountain; and Kim McCray of Gardendale.

Umpires to meet Sunday in Elba
The Elba Umpires Association will meet on Sunday night, April 23, at 7:00 p.m., at the Elba Public Library.
The Elba Umpires Association umpires all baseball and softball games in Elba and New Brockton, and additional umpires are needed for the current season.
For more information contact Ricky Mularz at 897-2671.

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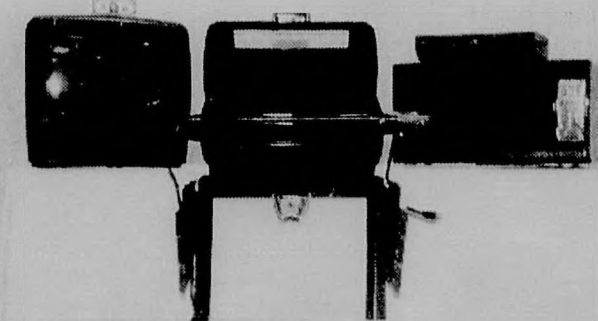
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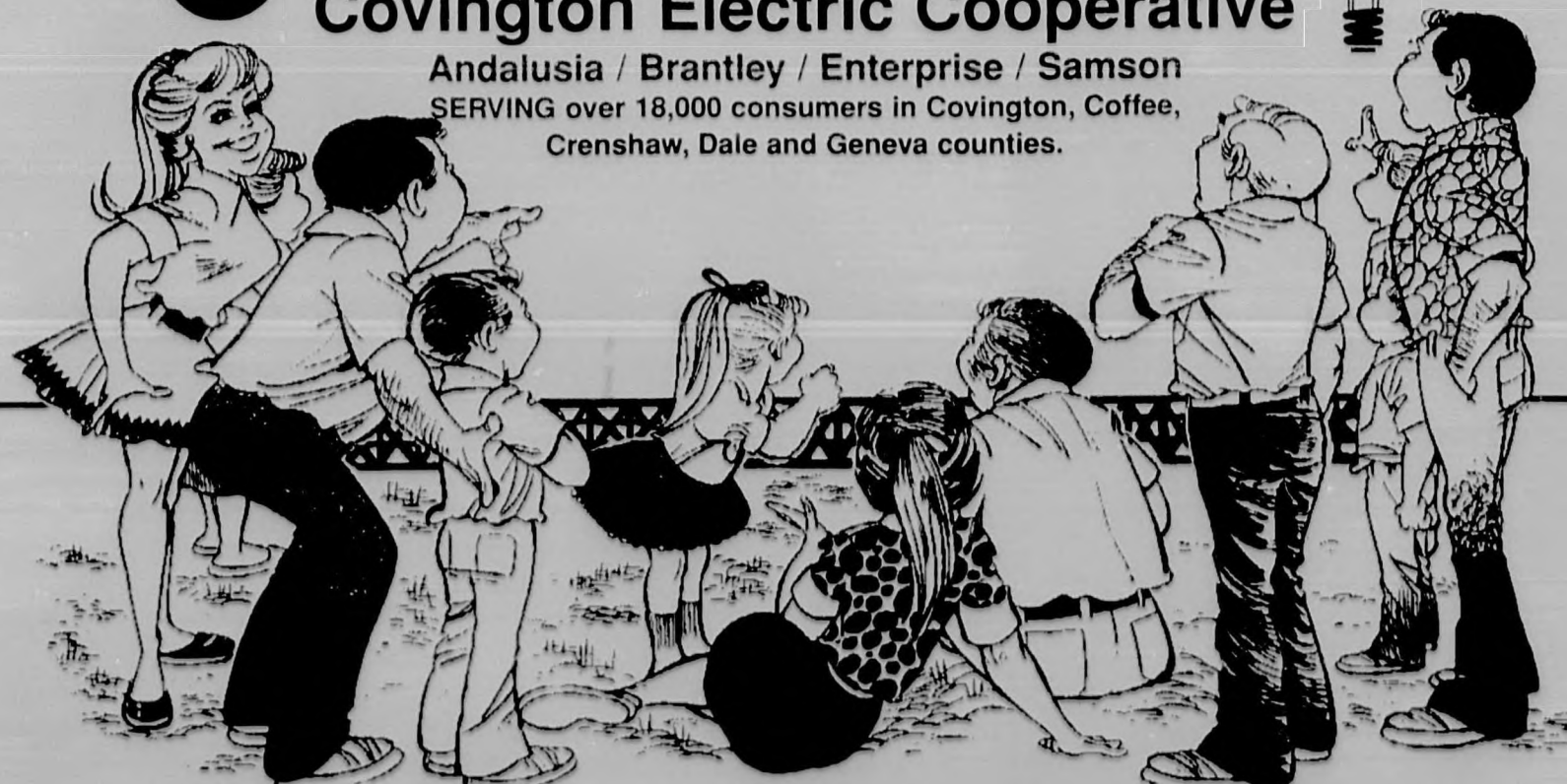
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inson, Mrs. Roxie Porter, Mrs. Julia Barnes, Mrs. Alice Blue, Mrs. Annie Williams, Rev. G.C. Thomas.

Matrons Anniversary
The Matrons of Pleasant Shade Baptist Church, Enterprise, AL, Rev. C.L. Green, pastor, celebrated their annual Matrons Anniversary on April 16, 1995. Rev. A.R. Williams, pastor of Rocky Head MB Church, Elba, AL, and Shiloh MB Church, Brantley, AL, was guest minister. The Rocky Head MB Ensemble was guest choir.

Those attending the anniversary from Rocky Head MB Church were: Rev. A.R. Williams, Bessie, Chastity, Brett, La'Ray and Keitha, Patti Porter, Roderick Rideaux, Kim Rideaux, J.L. Williams and Estella, Lavon Jones, Annie Pearl Carpenter and Cathryn, Wallace Belcher and Mattie, LaNeisha Edwards, Melissa Kelley, Brittany Daniels, Samantha Williams, Michelle Carpenter, Evelyn Gully, Katonya Peterson, Stephanie Williams, D'Undray Peterson, Curtis Kelley, Ollie Ruth Peterson, Jana Kelley, Martie Carpenter, Ashley Williams and Derrick Duncan, David Carpenter and Patricia.

Note of Thanks

Grover Belcher, Sr. of Elba, Alabama is at home recuperating from heart surgery at Montgomery Regional Medical Center, Montgomery, Alabama.

Thanks and praise to God our Savior Jesus Christ for His divine blessings. Thanks to the doctors and staff at Enterprise Medical Center, Enterprise, Alabama.

Dr. Richard Cynn, heart surgeon, Dr. Beverly Stoulemire, Dr. Paul Cammack, M.D. F.A.C.S. and George J. Kontos, Jr. M.D. and staff member who provided us with unsurpassed compassionate care in an atmosphere of confidence, capability, and professionalism at Montgomery Regional Medical Center. Thanks!

Thanks to the Rocky Head MB Church family and Pastor A.R. Williams, Bishop Cutler, Rev. J.R. Parks, and Dea. Jackson.

To our children for their love and support, our friends, here and elsewhere, for your telephone calls, visits, gifts, florals, and prayers, and to *The Elba Clipper* editor and staff for your concern. Thanks!

Never has there been a clearer manifestation of God's holy words: "The prayers of the righteous avail much." God bless each of your prayers.

Grover & Eria Belcher

History of the Mulberry District Laymen's Convention

The Mulberry District Laymen's Convention was organized in 1972 at the General Association. Deacon J.L. Williams was elected president; Thomas Brooks, vice president; L.E. Burnette, 2nd vice president; and Lewis Carpenter, secretary. Charles Henderson, corresponding secretary; and Pete Daniels, treasurer. Two years later, L.E. Burnette resigned as vice president and became secretary.

The first session was held at Spring Hill Baptist Church, Dozier, Alabama. At that time, the convention went from church just as the Mulberry Association until the Mulberry Missionary District Educational Building was completed in Elba, AL.

Rev. J.G. Chatmon preached at the first session. The meeting date was to be on the third Saturday in March, but later the meeting began on Friday night for a Citizens Program.

This convention has been a help to the General Association. Members who have died: Dea. Curtis, Dea. Willie Gibbs, Dea. Grady Williams, Dea. Tillman Lindsey, Dea. Allen Gray, and Dea. Pete Daniels.

The 23rd session was held March 17-18, 1995 at the Mulberry District Educational Building in Elba, AL.

A new treasurer has been elected. Officers: President Dea. J.L. Williams, Vice President Dea. Thomas Brooks, 2nd Vice President Bro. B.V. Jones, Secretary Dea. L.E. Burnette, Corresponding Secretary Dea. Charles Henderson, Moderator Rev. J.G. Chatmon.

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AREA DEATHS

PEARLINE DANIELS BLANCHARD

Pearline Daniels Blanchard, age 76 of Orlando, Florida (formerly of Elba, Alabama) died Wednesday, April 5, 1995 in Orlando, FL.

Funeral services were held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, April 8, 1995 from Zion Hill MB Church, Orlando, FL, with Rev. Jesse Ivory officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include eight children, Ruby Nell Thomas of Miami, FL; Edna Sue Brown, Eddie F. Blanchard, Rev. Mary L. Allen, Leroy Blanchard, Lillian Roberts, Dr. Wanda R. Smith, and Willie Mae Edmondson, all of Orlando, FL; three sisters, Addie Mae Head of Orlando, FL; Rosetta Stephen of Omaha, Nebraska, and Buna V. Young of Buffalo, New York; three brothers, Elder Earnest Daniels and William both of Orlando, FL, and James Daniels of Elba, AL; three sons-in-law, Dea. Rudolph Roberts, Rev. Sam L. Smith, and Eddie Edmondson, all of Orlando, FL; a daughter-in-law, Sharon Blanchard; a sister-in-law, Elmer M. Daniels; 23 grandchildren; 20 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews, and many friends.

DEWEY CHESTER BILL BRYAN

Dewey Chester Bill Bryan, age 85 of Elba, Alabama, died Friday, April 14, 1995 in a Pensacola, Florida nursing home.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, April 16, 1995 from the Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Elbert Smith officiating.

Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba, AL with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Geraldine Burch and Dorothy Jean Milner, both of Pensacola, FL; a son, James Rex Bryan of Lanett, AL; three sisters, Anna Pearl Skipper, Mildred Kemp, and Mayrene Nelson, all of Elba, AL; 6 grandchildren; four great grandchildren.

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To celebrate this week our offices will be holding customer appreciation day on April 21st in the bank lobbies from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served to customers who visit during the day.

All area residents are invited to drop by and get to know their banking representatives and learn more about the products and services SouthTrust offers to the community.

"SouthTrust Bank is proud to be a part of our Community Reinvestment week in Alabama celebration," said Roberts. "Our goal is to provide excellent banking products delivered at a high level of quality service. We are committed to serving the Coffee County community."

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TOM CASADAY 1994 CENTURION SALES ASSOCIATE. Tom Casaday, Century 21 Regency Realty, (center) receives the Centurion Award from Regional Director Marty Reuter (left). Billy Cotter, owner/broker of Regency Realty in Enterprise is at right.

Tom Casaday receives honors as 1994 Centurions Sales Associate

Tom Casaday of Century 21 Regency Realty, Inc. has been named a 1994 Centurion Sales Associate award winner by Century 21 International. This is the highest honor given to an associate by Century 21. To be considered for Centurion status, a sales associate must achieve a specified, high level of production, which is reached by providing exceptional customer service. Only about one and a half percent of the approximately 70,000 sales associates in the Century 21 system achieve this honor each year. These individuals have demonstrated a commitment to quality service, as well as pride in their profession and the position they hold within their local community.

Casaday has worked in real estate for eight years specializing in residential properties and land in Southeast Alabama. He is a member of the Enterprise Board of Realtors. He was among the Masters Emerald award winners and recognized as Top Producer in 1990 and 1992 by the Enterprise Board of Realtors.

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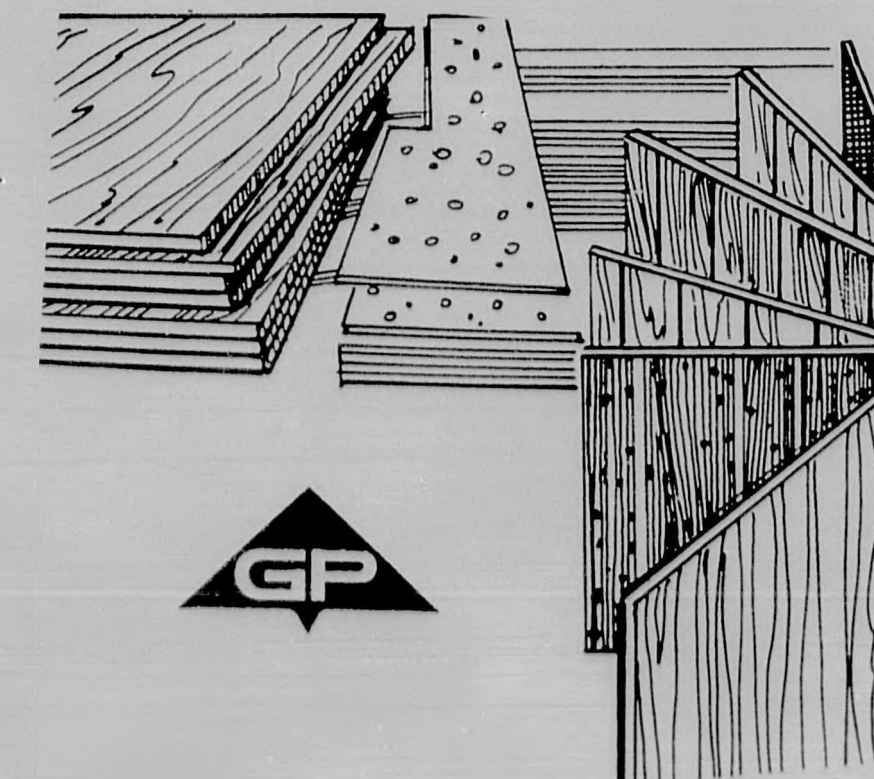
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Covington Electric Cooperative announce membership meeting will be April 27th

Plans have been completed for the 1995 membership meeting of Covington Electric Cooperative which will be held at the Andalusia High School football stadium on Thursday, April 27.

Registration of members will begin at 4:00 p.m. Entertainment starts at about 5:00 p.m. and the business session at 7:00 p.m.

A large attendance is expected for the meeting which will include transaction of business, free entertainment and the awarding of attendance prizes. Major attendance prizes awarded this year will be a 1987 Dodge Ram D-50 pickup truck with 2.6 liter engine, power steering, 4-speed automatic transmission, AM-FM radio, and air conditioning; a 20-inch color television with remote control; a videocassette recorder (VCR) with remote control; an electric grill with rotisserie; and a 1.3-cubic foot microwave oven. Two \$100 cash prizes, along with about 30 other valuable prizes, will also be awarded.

Entertainment at this year's meeting will be provided by Gold City, a Southern gospel music group. Gold City has won the Singing News Group of the Year Award an unprecedented seven consecutive years. They were inducted into the

Alabama Hall of Fame in 1992.

During the business session, brief reports on Covington Electric operations will be presented and two members elected to three-year terms on the board of trustees.

Nominees named by the nominating committee to be voted on for possible election to the board are:

District III: W.B. (Willie) Smith Jr. and Larry P. Morgan, both of Brantley.

District IV: Charles A. Mallory of Kinston and Greg Oglesby of Elba.

Smith and Mallory are incumbent trustees for Districts III and IV, respectively. Mallory serves as vice chairman of the co-op's board, and Smith serves as assistant secretary/treasurer.

Mallory, a farmer, is a supervisor of the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District, a former director of the Coffee County Alabama Farmer's Federation and a member of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association. He is past chairman of the Coffee County Board of Education and a past director of the Coffee County Bank.

Mallory is a member of the Kinston United Methodist Church and a

Master Mason. He has three children and five grandchildren.

Oglesby, a 1979 graduate of Elba High School, attended Enterprise State Junior College and Troy State University.

A major in the Alabama National Guard, Oglesby serves on the Company Grade Officer Committee and is a member of Alabama National Guard Association. He is also the operating partner of Farris Bulldozer Company of Elba, and he raises ostriches.

He is a member of the New Haven Baptist Church. He and his wife, Arlene, have two children.

Concessions stands in the Andalusia High School stadium during the meeting will be operated by the Covington County Shrine Club.

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USDA announces support level for 1995 peanuts

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the average support level for the 1995 peanut crop. The figures are based on national price support levels of \$678.36 per short ton for quota peanuts and \$132.00 per short ton for additional peanuts.

The quota support level for an average grade ton of 1995-crop will be \$682.74 for Runner-type peanuts.

The method of computing the price support levels for 1995-crop peanuts and the grades with the types is the same as last year.

For each percent of sound mature kernels in a ton, including sound split kernels, the support level will be \$9.595 for Runner-type peanuts.

The loan value for additional peanuts is 19.46% of the applicable quota support level. The factor represents the ratio of the \$132.00 per short ton national support level for additional peanuts to the \$678.36 per short ton national support level for quota peanuts.

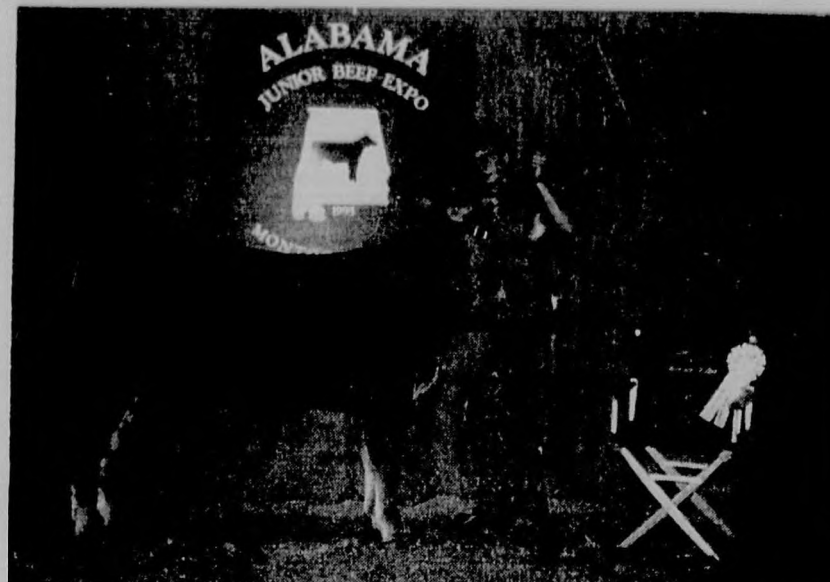
As with the 1994 crop, the price support level for 1995-crop peanuts on which a damonide was used will be discounted by 100% from the price support level that otherwise would be applicable.

The price support level for 1995-crop peanuts determined to be of the "Georgia Browne" variety will be discounted by \$100.00 per ton from the Runner-type price support level that otherwise would be applicable.

The actual price support level for an individual lot of peanuts will depend on the percent of the various sizes of kernels in each ton of peanuts and other factors.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION... Shown with her champion steer is Emily Bryan of Elba and Coffee County. Standing with Emily (from left to right) is Bill Johnson and Tim Cox of the State Cattlemen's Association and Scott Schake, show judge from Kansas. Emily won the Reserve Grand Champion honors at the State Steer Show during AEA week in Montgomery. Emily was also the Grand Champion at the district show which was held in Dothan the week prior to the state show.



RESERVE CHAMPION LIMOUSIN... Matthew Farris is shown with his Reserve Champion Limousin Heifer at the State 4-H and FFA Steer and Heifer Show. The heifer was bred by Broken J Limousin, Enterprise, AL.



RESERVE CHAMPION SIMMENTAL... The Reserve Champion Simmental Heifer is shown by Bo Boyd and his sister, Vaughan. Bo and Vaughan's family raise Simmental cattle here in Coffee County near New Brockton.

SouthTrust announces record first quarter results

SouthTrust Corporation reported record earnings for the first three months of 1995, according to Wallace D. Malone, Jr., chairman and chief executive officer of the corporation.

For the quarter ended March 31, 1995, net income totaled \$46.8 million, up 15% over the \$40.7 million reported a year ago. Per share, the comparison was \$0.57 for the first quarter of 1995 versus \$0.51 for the first quarter of 1994, an increase of 12%.

"SouthTrust Corporation performed at an outstanding level during the first quarter," said Malone. "We've begun the new year with significant momentum which should help us well into 1995. Our employees are excited about the performance of the company, and we are all looking to another great year for SouthTrust."

Stockholders' equity grew to \$1.2

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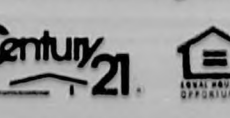
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